

The University of Virginia's College at Wise
College Board Minutes

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD

Friday, February 5, 2021

Hybrid Meeting: In-person and Electronic

Livestream Available: <https://youtu.be/s1K5oXrr4mc>

Marcia A. Gilliam
Chair

Lewey K. Lee
Vice Chair

Tentative Agenda

9:00 a.m.	CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS	Marcia A. Gilliam
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pledge of Allegiance• Adoption of Agenda• Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2020 Board Meeting	
	REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR	Lewey K. Lee
	REMARKS BY ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE	Joseph R. Carico
	REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER	Madelyn Lawrence

ACTION ITEMS

UVA WISE 2021-2022 TUITION AND FEES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
UVA WISE 2021-2022 HOUSING RATES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
UVA WISE 2021-2022 DINING RATES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
UVA WISE PARKING FEES AND FINES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
UVA WISE CONFERENCE RATES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
COALFIELDS EXPRESSWAY RESOLUTION	Marcia A. Gilliam
SPECIAL RECOGNITION	Marcia A. Gilliam

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Code of Virginia section 2.2-3712(A)(8) for the Purpose of Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding First Amendment and State Law regarding Speech and Expressive Activities on Campus.

REPORT ITEM

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Donna P. Henry

- COVID-19 Report
- Spring 2021 and Fall 2021 Enrollment
- Retirements

11:00 a.m. CLOSING REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR

Donna P. Henry

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

All

CLOSING REMARKS BY CHAIR

Marcia A. Gilliam

Minutes

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

February 5, 2021

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. In light of safety precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held in a hybrid format. Members were given the option to participate in-person or electronically. Members who were present in-person were Mike Allen, Joseph Carico, Marcia Gilliam, Marvin Gilliam, Leton Harding, Madelyn Lawrence, Karen Mullins and Jeffery Sturgill. Members who were present electronically were Katheryn Curtis, Jonette Dixon Carpenter, Jim Gott, Don Green, George Hunnicutt, Fran Hunt, Ruby Rogers, Joseph Frank Smiddy, Dawneda Williams and Roger Viers. Members absent were Lewey Lee, Robert Stallard and Mike Thomas.

Chair Marcia Gilliam presided over the meeting, and Huda Aden recorded minutes. Ms. Gilliam opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Fran Hunt to approve the agenda as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Karen Mullins and seconded by Joey Carico to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2020 meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Chair: Ms. Gilliam introduced Barry Meek, UVA Associate University Counsel. Ms. Gilliam then remarked on the women's basketball team and spring athletics, and discussed tentative commencement plans on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9, 2021. She also provided a report on behalf of College Board Vice Chair and Honor the Future Campaign Co-Chair, Lewey Lee, regarding great progress toward the Campaign as well as the growing endowment that stands at \$131 million.

Remarks by Alumni Association Representative: Mr. Carico reported that the *Virtual Tasting Event and Virtual Cavalier Alumni Celebration* was very successful in terms of participation and fundraising. He also shared that Alumni Association Chairman Fran Hunt has requested that Lonesome Pine Country Club reserve dates for this year's 26th Annual Community Spring Swing event. The details will be shared with the Board as soon as plans are finalized. Additionally, the Alumni Association Board of Directors held a virtual meeting on November 17, 2020. The annual audit was presented at this meeting for review. The Audit Committee met via Zoom the evening before with the auditors. No exceptions were found and a clean audit was accepted by the Board.

In his remarks, Mr. Carico also recognized retirees Vice Chancellor and COO Sim Ewing and Chief of Police Ronnie Shortt. He commended Mr. Ewing for his course on government that was a great influence on Mr. Carico as a student. He also said that Mr. Shortt was very supportive of Mr. Carico during the Bar exam review.

Remarks by Student Member: Ms. Lawrence reflected on the past year. She commended the student body for persevering and succeeding in light of the pandemic, and credited the College Board, faculty, staff and administration with enabling student

success. As chief justice of the student conduct board, she has a unique vantage point into student violations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which she said were minimal, amounting to only a handful of cases all year. By and large, students have been compliant with COVID-19 protocols and have not been reported to disciplinary bodies for misconduct or non-compliance. Additionally, students have remained resilient in and out of the classroom in a year marked by numerous changes, constant adjustments, and mental health challenges.

After being approached by students and their parents about mental health challenges, Ms. Lawrence conducted research and found that according to a CDC report, as of June 2020, 40% of U.S. adults reported struggling with some sort of mental health issue, such as depression or anxiety, as a result of the pandemic. The College is no exception, she said. To address mental health needs, Ms. Lawrence and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Jewell Worley, have begun to develop a plan for a COVID support group on campus. She said, "in times like these . . . we all need to be shown that we are not alone and there are others who have experienced what we have and are struggling just as we are." She expressed a hope that students, and eventually faculty and staff, could benefit from this support group.

Dr. Smiddy thanked Ms. Lawrence for her remarks. He discussed various long-term conditions and symptoms that are presenting clinically at the Health Wagon. He said each person feels differently in terms of symptoms and recovery. The Health Wagon is currently working with COVID-19 survivors, specifically in relation to their malaise and depression. Dr. Smiddy offered his support to the College.

Mr. Leton asked what can be done immediately to support students. Ms. Lawrence responded that a natural next step is to survey students and evaluate interests and needs related to the virus and recovery. Ms. Worley discussed the Counseling Center and its model for seeing student patients. She said counseling care includes a full range of services in socially-distanced office visits or virtual visits. Since UVA Wise counselors hold active licenses in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, the counseling services can even be offered to off-campus students in these states. Ms. Gilliam asked when the first support group would occur, and Ms. Worley responded that it would be scheduled soon. We will engage with our campus to develop the first session, she said. Chancellor Henry said that students also have access to tele-psychiatric care through the UVA Health Clinic affiliated with the UVA Health System.

Ms. Lawrence thanked the Board for their support on this initiative and said she is open to comments, questions, or feedback.

ACTION ITEMS

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Tuition and Fees: Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, Sim Ewing, presented a proposal which would raise tuition within a range of 0 to 3 percent. The rate increase is dependent on funding action from the Virginia General Assembly. At this time, the College awaits further information related to its funding levels for the next fiscal year. The College can make a more accurate assessment of its revenue once this information is available. It is the College's desire to keep tuition and fees as low

as possible for students. The Board's Executive Committee will convene at a later date to recommend a proposal for tuition and fees for the Board of Visitors to consider.

Mr. Harding asked how a federal wage increase will impact the College. Mr. Ewing responded that the College has already begun planning wage scenarios because the Commonwealth has already advanced a plan for wage increases.

Mr. Harding also asked how UVA Wise's tuition compares to other regional colleges and universities. Mr. Ewing responded that colleges and universities in nearby states offer very competitive tuition rates because they receive greater funding from the state.

Ms. Curtis asked what the University of Virginia is planning with regard to tuition increases. In the past, the College at Wise has been in alignment with the University's plan. Will the same be true again this year, she asked. Mr. Ewing responded that the University is also considering a similar range, up to 3%, for a tuition and fees increase.

Ms. Curtis also expressed concerned that annual tuition increases might prevent the College from attracting the very students we seek to attract. She asked whether UVA would be amenable to supporting the College in its effort to maintain low tuition costs. Mr. Ewing said that UVA Wise is comparatively affordable to other higher education institutions in the Commonwealth. The College will maintain its position as having the third lowest tuition in Virginia even with an increase of 3%. He added that UVA is also facing unprecedented pressures on its revenue model given the pandemic, particularly relating to the Health System.

Chancellor Henry said everyone is trying to hold tuition and fees low but every institution is facing its own set of challenges and uncertainty, she said. She also added that UVA has been very generous to the College on a number of fronts, including funds for marketing and recruitment. Chancellor Henry reiterated a commitment that the College does not want to outprice students and families who are seeking an affordable education.

A motion was made by Katheryn Curtis and seconded by Marvin Gilliam to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Housing Rates: Mr. Ewing presented a proposal to increase housing rental rates by 2%, or the cost of inflation. Ms. Curtis asked for information on cost containment measures. Examples cited were the Early Retirement Incentive Program and a utility cost reduction program. Mr. Allen asked for the occupation rate of residence halls, and asked whether the College could fill more beds and rooms. Mr. Leton asked whether the pandemic has caused more students to commute or to do course work online or at a distance. Mr. Ewing responded that there is capacity in the residence halls that the Colleges will fill up again. Ms. Lawrence said that she expects more students to return to living on campus next year because the face-to-face interactions are important for learning and social purposes.

A motion was made by Joseph Frank Smiddy and seconded by Karen Mullins to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Dining Rates: Mr. Ewing presented a proposal to increase dining rates by 4%. Chancellor Henry commented that one thing that has impacted dining rates this year is that we have not had any catering events at the College due to the pandemic. This has had an impact on the revenue from dining services.

A motion was made by Fran Hunt and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Parking Fees and Fines: A 3% increase is proposed to parking fees due to the increased cost of operating and maintaining the campus parking structures. No increase is proposed to parking fines.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Fran Hunt to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Conference Rates: Mr. Ewing presented a proposal that would maintain conference and event rates level with the current fiscal year.

A motion was made by Fran Hunt and seconded by Joey Carico to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Coalfields Expressway Resolution: This resolution supports the adoption of House Bill 2253 to impose a 48-month moratorium on the repayment of funds allocated for a bonded project pursuant to the Economic Development Access Program.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Karen Mullins to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Special Recognition: A resolution recognizing retiree Linda Miller was read. A motion was made by Karen Mullins and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

CLOSED SESSION

As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 a motion was made by George Hunnicutt and seconded by Roger Viers to convene in closed session for the purpose of considering promotion and tenure candidates. A motion was made to reconvene in open session. The motion received unanimous approval.

As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712(d), a roll call vote was taken in open session noting only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only public business as identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting of the public body.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

REPORT ITEMS

Report of the Chancellor: Chancellor Henry shared updates from the College. Given the retirements of Sim Ewing and Jewell Worley, UVA Wise has engaged an external firm to assist in the national, competitive searches for a Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and a Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The job descriptions will be advertised on higher education job boards and outlets. Chancellor Henry said she would continue to keep the Board apprised of developments and progress on these searches. Chancellor Henry commended the Student Affairs team for their creative programming to engage students safely during the pandemic, saying that “she has been amazed at what [the team] has been able to pull off for students.” For example, on a recent snowy day on campus, students were able to enjoy sleds and snow tubes for outdoor recreation. Chancellor Henry also thanked Don Green and the Napoleon Hill Foundation for supplying books for a community read-in in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Chris Dearth, shared a financial aid brochure with members of the Board and provided a brief outlook on admissions and financial aid.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

In closing, Ms. Gilliam thanked College Board for their attendance and participation. She acknowledged retirees Sim Ewing, Jewell Worley and Ronnie Shortt, and said the Board would plan to celebrate and recognize them formally.

There being no additional business or comments, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m. and Ms. Gilliam thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mullins, Secretary

Resolutions Approved by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

1. UVA Wise Tuition and Required Fees

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO SET THE FINAL TUITION, REQUIRED FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE FOR FISCAL 2021-2022 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the College Board heard and discussed tuition and fee increases which were presented within a range of zero to three percent,

WHEREAS, the College Board wishing to maintain affordability for the College's students, needs to be informed of what the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia is proposing for state funding in its Fiscal Year 2022 Budget,

WHEREAS, the College Board in conjunction with the Board of Visitors is required to hold an opportunity for public expression on proposed tuition and fee increases,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UVA Wise College Board authorizes the Executive Committee of the College Board to recommend to the Board of Visitors the College's proposed rate of increase for tuition, required fees and other charges within the range discussed by the College Board at its meeting of February 5, 2021.

	In State				Out Of State			
	2020-21 Approved	Increase	Percent Increase	2021-22 Proposed	2020-21 Approved	Increase	Percent Increase	2021-22 Proposed
Undergraduate Programs (Full-time students with 12 hrs or more per semester)								
Full time Students (12 hrs or more per semester)								
Tuition	\$ 5,693	\$ 171	3.0%	\$ 5,864	\$ 23,960	\$ 719	3.0%	\$ 24,679
Required E&G Fees	\$ 173	\$ 5	2.9%	\$ 178	\$ 868	\$ 5	0.6%	\$ 873
Auxiliary Fees	\$ 4,970	\$ 149	3.0%	\$ 5,119	\$ 4,970	\$ 149	3.0%	\$ 5,119
Students taking more than 18 credit hours per semester must pay for the additional hours at the tuition rates listed below:								
Other Undergraduate Charges								
Part-time Students Tuition Per Hour (Less than 12 hours per semester)	\$ 243	\$ 7	2.9%	\$ 250	\$ 1,014	\$ 30	3.0%	\$ 1,044
Part-time Students Required E&G Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 2	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2	\$ 22	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 22
Part-time Students Required Auxiliary Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 157	\$ 5	3.2%	\$ 162	\$ 157	\$ 5	3.2%	\$ 162
Part-time Students Required E&G Fee Flat Rate (7-11 hours per semester)	\$ 38	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 39	\$ 39	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 40
Off-Campus Instruction per hour	\$ 243	\$ 7	2.9%	\$ 250	\$ 1,014	\$ 30	3.0%	\$ 1,044
Off-Campus Instruction Required E&G Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 2	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2	\$ 22	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 22
Off-Campus Instruction Required Auxiliary Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 4	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 4
Off-Campus Instruction Required E&G Fee Flat Rate (7-11 hours per semester)	\$ 38	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 39	\$ 39	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 40
Note-UVA Wise will propose a tuition and fee increase between 0%-3% per our Six Year Plan. The numbers reflected above demonstrate the costs at the top of the range at 3%.								

2. Student Housing Rental Rates

APPROVAL OF STUDENT HOUSING RENTAL RATES

WHEREAS, the College provides affordable, high-quality housing to students desiring to reside on campus; and

WHEREAS, College housing enhances the students overall collegiate experience and strengthens their academic achievement and life experiences through residential programming opportunities,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the rental rates for regular and summer session student housing be increased by 2.0 percent, effective July 1, 2021.

Student Housing Rental Rates

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>%</u>
McCrary, Asbury, Thompson, Henson, Martha Randolph,	\$6,783*	\$6,919*	2.0%
Culbertson and Residence Hall III			
*Per academic year			
Summer Rate Per Term	\$ 550	\$ 561	2.0%

3. UVA Wise 2021-2022 Dining Rates

APPROVAL OF STUDENT MEAL PLAN RATES

WHEREAS, the College provides affordable meals to students desiring to utilize the dining services on campus; and

WHEREAS, the College negotiates annually with the food service provider;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the meal rates for the College's food service plan be adopted as follows with a 4.0 percent increase for residential plans effective July 1, 2021.

4. UVA Wise Parking Fees and Fines

APPROVAL OF PARKING FEES AND FINES

WHEREAS, the College provides parking facilities to faculty, staff and students; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth does not provide funding for development, maintenance and operation of parking facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board approves the proposed three percent increase in parking fees and no increase in parking fines, effective July 1, 2021.

5. Conference, Event & Wellness Rate

APPROVAL OF THE UVA WISE CONFERENCE AND EVENT RATE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the College provides Conference, Events, Greear and Wellness locations and services to organizations and individuals which enables the College to financially support the operational mission of the College and as such recommends a three percent increase in meals; and

WHEREAS, these services enable the College to market itself to prospective students and provides opportunities for the region to showcase itself;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the College provides Conference, Events Rates are recommended that they be submitted to the Board of Visitors for approval at the current approved for Fiscal Year 2022 on this the 5th of February, 2021.

6. Resolution Supporting Adoption of HB 2253 Economic Development Access Program, Bonded Projects

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2253 was created to impose a 48-month moratorium on the repayment of funds allocated for a bonded project pursuant to the Economic Development Access Program due to the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions placed on the economy; and,

WHEREAS, provided that the conditions of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's economic development access policy are met; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of House Bill No. 2253 will guarantee compliance of qualifying investments or activation of repayment clause if such investment is not created at the end of the 48-month moratorium; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2253 is critical to economic development entities, localities, and their economic development efforts in Southwest Virginia; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the importance of House Bill No. 2253 to the localities in Southwest Virginia, the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board does hereby urge the Commonwealth of Virginia House and Senate to do all that they can to adopt the House Bill No. 2253 in as expeditious manner as possible for the benefit of the Commonwealth's localities in Southwest Virginia.

Adopted in Wise, Virginia, by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board on February 5, 2021

7. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Linda Miller

WHEREAS, Linda Miller has provided invaluable service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise as an Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor since 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller has capably supported the Office of the Chancellor under both Chancellor Donna Price Henry and the late Chancellor David J. Prior and was dutiful in her constant assistance to the Chancellor, the Chancellor's Executive Assistants Dawn Jessee and Rue Gembach, and countless College constituents such as students, employees, and the public; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller maintained meticulous paper and electronic files for the Office of the Chancellor, greatly easing Chancellor Henry's transition to Office as well as the transitions of new staff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller has always been welcoming and hospitable to everyone who passed through the Office of the Chancellor including visitors of all kinds such as students, faculty, staff, alumni, state and local officials, dignitaries, members of the press, UVA leadership and countless more; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller contributed to the success of countless projects and the production of numerous documents during her decade-long tenure at UVA Wise; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller has taken immense pride in her work ethic and collegiality dating back to her first employer, Wise County National Bank, which she faithfully served for 28 years; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Linda Miller their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, February 5, 2021.