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College Board Minutes

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**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD**  
Friday, February 7, 2025  
David J. Prior Convocation Center/Lakeview Room and Virtual  
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Marcia A. Gilliam  
Chair

Lewey K. Lee  
Vice Chair

**(DRAFT) Agenda**

9:00 a.m.	<b>CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pledge of Allegiance</li><li>• Adoption of Agenda</li><li>• Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2024 Board Meeting</li></ul>	Marcia A. Gilliam
	<b>REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR</b>	Lewey K. Lee
	<b>REMARKS BY ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Jimmy Adkins
	<b>REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER</b>	Layne Bush
	<b><u>CLOSED SESSION</u></b> <b>Pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(9) for discussion of matters relating to grants and contracts for service.</b>	
	<b><u>REPORT ITEMS</u></b>	
	<b>SACSCOC ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP)</b>	Gary Johnson Sabrina Qureshi
	<b>EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PLATFORM (GIVEPULSE)</b>	Gary Johnson
	<b>HOUSING AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT UPDATES</b>	Tabitha Smith
	<b>BUDGET AND VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES</b>	Donna P. Henry Joe Kiser Shannon Blevins
	<b>REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR</b>	Donna P. Henry
11:30 a.m.	<b>CLOSING REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR</b>	Donna P. Henry
	<b>COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS</b>	All
	<b>CLOSING REMARKS BY CHAIR</b>	Marcia A. Gilliam
12:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	

## Minutes

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

February 7, 2025

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met in-person in the David J. Prior Convocation Center and virtual on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Mike Allen, Jimmy Adkins, Brian Blanton, Phillip Blevins, Jonette Dixon Carpenter, Valeri Colyer, Kathy Curtis, Marcia Gilliam, Cedric Green, Don Green, Leton Harding, George E. Hunnicutt, Jr, Fran Hunt, Duane Miller, Karen Mullins, Rhonda Perkins, Amanda Pillion and Ruby Rogers. UVA Vice President of Communications and Marketing, Dave Martel was in attendance. Members absent were Lewey Lee, Scott Litton, Marvin Gilliam and Robby Stallard.

Chair Marcia Gilliam presided over the meeting and Dawn Jessee recorded the minutes. Chair Gilliam read the required virtual meeting notice in accordance with 22-3707 and 22-3701.1 of the Code of Virginia. Chancellor Donna Henry opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Brian Blanton and seconded by Mike Allen to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2024 meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Chair: Chair Gilliam welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025. The David J. Prior Convocation Center is quickly approaching the one million visitor milestone since opening in 2011. She referenced the many events hosted in the David J. Prior Center since the November meeting (listed in the Board packet on page 11). Upcoming events include the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Luncheon on March 29, Day of Service on April 5, and Commencement on May 10. The basketball tournament is coming up and congratulations were given to both men's and women's teams for beating Emory & Henry.

Remarks by Alumni Association Board Member: Mr. Jimmy Adkins reported that the next Alumni event is scheduled for February 12 with Eastman Alumni Employees and Retirees. Alumni events in Knoxville, Grundy, Pikeville, Northern VA, and Roanoke are scheduled in the spring. The next board meeting is scheduled for February 11 (virtual). The Alumni Association is soliciting applications for new board members. Please see Jimmy Adkins or Corey Sanchez for an application to share with those who you think would enjoy serving. A digital copy will go out to all board members. The Annual Spring Swing Golf Tournament will be held on April 11 at Lonesome Pine Country Club and the 38th Annual Cavalier Celebration Gala will be held on May 17 at the Lonesome Pine Country Club. A Hoops Hospitality Suite will be held during the Women's and Men's Basketball

Games on February 19 sponsored by Mullins Insurance Agency and a Friday Night Lights Party hosted by Chancellor Henry at the Lila Vicars Smith House will be held on Friday, April 25 prior to the Red & Gray football game on Saturday, April 26. A special recognition for athletics achievements (as listed on page 31) of board packet was given to Kendall Rainey, Athletic Director and her team. Mr. Adkins encouraged everyone to participate in the many upcoming athletic events. Celebration tickets are still available for purchase.

Remarks by Student Member Layne Bush. Student member Bush reported the following: Holiday events held included the traditional Lighting of Crockett Hall with more lights than in previous years thanks to Chancellor Henry's support and 150 toboggans were given out. The late-night breakfast was attended by over 350 students in preparation of exam week. Upcoming study abroad trips in the spring include South Africa, Scotland and the Borderlands and Southern France. This year marked a record year of short-term trips abroad. On January 29, students had the fabulous opportunity to watch men's and women's basketball teams "swat" the Emory & Henry Wasps. The Office of Student Engagement held the activities fair during the game with many prizes and dinner provided. Three lucky students were given the opportunity to win up to \$1,000 in the money machine thanks to sponsor Mr. Harding and Powell Valley National Bank. SGA sponsored the following with allocation funding, Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) spring missionary trip to the Dominican Republic, new competition uniforms for the UVA Wise Cheer Team and travel for six students to attend Student Advocacy Day in Richmond. Updates regarding her initiatives included participation in the MLK event and presenting along with SGA President William Rudeseal at the UVA Board of Visitors meeting in March. The purpose is to strengthen the connection between UVA and UVA Wise by meeting with UVA student leaders and presenting to the Board of Visitors during the Committee on Wise meeting. Nomination forms for the next Student Member of the Board will be distributed to the student body soon. The last item included concerns the Year in Wise students have when transferring to UVA with not all classes transferring smoothly. She recognized her fellow Highland Cavaliers baseball team for their best start in over 30 years (6-0) as well as the basketball teams for their victories.

#### CLOSED SESSION

As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(9), a motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Valeri Colyer to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to grants and contracts for service.

#### RECONVENE IN SESSION

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.

## Report Items:

SACSCOC Accreditation and Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP): Gary Johnson, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs presented an update regarding the process required by the College's accrediting body -- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The ten-year visit is scheduled for April 2026. UVA Wise is currently in the process of writing the narrative headed by Sabrina Qureshi and her team and is due in September 2025. Part of the process is a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) that is a specific project that will have a demonstrative and positive impact on the institution and students. The QEP for this cycle is the first-year experience which consists of restructuring first year seminar that is required of all first-year students. It is changing from a one-hour course to a three-hour course so more can be done to prepare students academically and life at UVA Wise to build a cohort and community. The goal is to improve/impact our retention, graduation rates and student success. Additionally, SACSCOC involvement is required for new programs. The process varies and sometimes requires substantive change requests submittals. The College currently has two programs at SACSCOC in the approval process – MS in Technology Management and Data Analytics and MS in Nursing: FNP. Academic Affairs is currently recruiting faculty for the new Nursing and Data Analytics programs and Computer Science. These are very competitive searches and a challenge. Additional searches are Sr. Administrative Assistant and Intervention Specialist in the Student Success Center. Revised core general education requirements this year include experiential learning through study abroad, mentored undergraduate research and service learning. The College is using an APP called GivePulse that is a platform for tracking and connecting student activity in experiential learning activities.

Student Affairs Fall 2024 Overview: Tabitha Smith, new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, shared photos of fall events with students – Counseling Center program focusing on mental health, Blue Light Walk that checks security on campus, new Housing Director, Julie Scott coordinated a RA welcome back to campus snow, Wiffle Ball Championship Team, Chancellor Henry with students decorating Christmas tree and photos of the new gaming hub in Slemp Student Center, and Scary on McCraray. Vice Chancellor Smith presented an update regarding historical data of housing numbers in fall of each year. In 2018 there were 452 heads in beds and steadily increased each year with 640 heads in beds in 2024. Total capacity without flipping/RA's in single rooms is 601. Current spring 2025 housing is at 567 heads. A historical counseling overview also showed an increase each year with 2023-2024 total counseling sessions at 1546 and year to date is 824. Top issues include stress, anxiety, relationships and grief. A request has been submitted for an additional clinician. Historical Intramurals data overview shows Fall 2024 includes over 3,560 team activities. Ely Wellness Center had over 20,300 swipes in fall 2024, 1,500 participants in the Gaming Hub, Office for Advocacy & Opportunity had 75 educational programs, and single day intramural events of 760 for fall.

Legislative Update and 2025-2026 Proposed Operating Budget: Shannon Blevins, Vice Chancellor Strategic Engagement and Government Relations, shared the 2025 General Assembly Calendar with session scheduled to adjourn February 22 and the UVA Wise legislative priorities/budget amendments of Enrollment and Retention and Workforce (undergraduate and graduate programs). General assembly is currently in cross over. A group of UVA Wise students attended Student Advocacy Days in Richmond and D.C. in January that included meetings with local legislators and the Governor. Joe Kiser, Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration, presented an update on current budget assumptions. January 15<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for uploading proposed into budgeting system with UVA. The budget is prepared with input from the senior leadership team, faculty senate leadership and staff senate leadership. Some revenue assumptions include projected appropriations, VMDSP support, a zero tuition and fee increase, 2% room rate increase, 4.2% board rate increase and revenue calculations based on 1,150 full-time students. Expense assumptions include fringe benefit increase, 3% salary increase, minimum wage increase \$45,514, planning for QEP \$50,000 and re-instatement of principal payments on internal loan. There is a balanced approach to creating the budget.

Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Henry reported that the Honor the Future Campaign to date is \$101,819, 661. The goal was \$100M and the campaign does not end until June 30. A big celebration will be held after June 30. The current endowment total is \$176M with 80% in scholarships. The Robert F. Stallard Fellowship in STEM scholarship was made possible by a generous gift from alumni Jeannie N. Stallard and Robert F. Stallard and will be awarded to a student majoring in a STEM field at UVA Wise. The recipient will have an outstanding academic history and is planning to pursue or is already pursuing an independent study project with a UVA Wise faculty mentor and will be awarded for academic year 2025-2026. The scholarship will cover any gaps in the costs associated with attending UVA Wise: tuition, room, board, and books and will also cover some/all costs associated with their research project. Robby was interested in creating this type of support that he received when he was a college student at Virginia Tech. Spring 2025 enrollment is over 2,000 students in addition there are 74 graduate students. Currently there are 22 undergraduate students also enrolled in the graduate program. Admitted students for fall 2025 is up 11% from last year and confirms are up 8% from last year. The College is currently searching for a Vice Chancellor for Human Resources with in-person interviews in late March/early April. UVA President Ryan wrote an article for the UVA Magazine regarding the unique value of UVA Wise to Southwest Virginia. This recognition is greatly appreciated and an indication of the good work of UVA team and students. Recent accomplishments at the College include UVA Wise experienced a second consecutive year of enrollment growth, the Within Reach program was expanded from \$40,000 income to \$80,000 to cover student tuition and fees, UVA Wise was named Apple Distinguished School for second term, opened a Virginia Humanities at UVA Wise in the fall 2024—one of two off site locations in Virginia with funds to provide grants to the community, received the College's largest single gift and launched LEAD SWVA program to develop leaders within the region. In SWVA and NETN, an organization called STRONG ACC in collaboration with Ballad Health. This is a great resource for community organizations related to health and public health metrics to provide support across SWVA

and NETN. There are currently two backbone partners, Ballad Health representing NETN and UVA Wise representing SWVA.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2025.

There being no additional business or comments the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mullins, Secretary

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD**

Friday, May 9, 2025  
Cantrell Hall Banquet Room

Marcia A. Gilliam  
Chair

Lewey K. Lee  
Vice Chair

**DRAFT AGENDA**

<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS</b>	<b>Marcia A. Gilliam</b>
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	<b>REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER</b>	<b>Layne Bush</b>

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. Legal update regarding attorney-client privilege communications regarding specific legal and regulatory matter. The relevant exemption is Va. Code 2.2-3711 A (7).
- B. Discussion of promotion and tenure. The relevant exemption is Va. Code 2.2-3711 A (1).

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

**ACTION ITEMS**

<b>PROMOTION AND TENURE</b>	<b>Donna P. Henry Gary Johnson</b>
<b>UVA WISE PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-2026</b>	<b>Donna P. Henry Joe Kiser</b>
<b>MEAL PLAN ADDITIONS</b>	<b>Donna P. Henry Joe Kiser</b>
<b>STUDENT HOUSING RENTAL RATE</b>	<b>Donna P. Henry Joe Kiser</b>

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE TUITION AND FEES**

**Donna P. Henry  
Joe Kiser**

**CLERK OF BOARD**

**Marcia A. Gilliam**

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

**Marcia A. Gilliam**

**BOARD MEETING DATES 2025-2026**

**Marcia A. Gilliam**

**SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

**Marcia A. Gilliam**

**REPORT ITEMS**

**USE OF FACILITIES/PROPERTY DOCUMENT**

**Tabitha Smith  
Joe Kiser**

**REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR**

**Donna P. Henry**

**4:45 p.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

May 9, 2025

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met in-person on Friday, May 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in Cantrell Hall Banquet Room. Members present were Mike Allen, Jimmy Adkins, Brian Blanton, Phillip Blevins, Valeri Colyer, Marcia Gilliam, Marvin Gilliam, Cedric Green, Don Green, Leton Harding, George Hunnicutt, Jr., Fran Hunt, Lewey Lee, Duane Miller, Karen Mullins, Rhonda Perkins, Ruby Rogers, and Layne Bush. Members absent were M. J. Carpenter, Kathy Curtis, Scott Litton and Robby Stallard.

Chair Marcia Gilliam presided over the meeting and Dawn Jessee recorded the minutes. Chancellor Donna Henry opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Ruby Rogers and seconded by Brian Blanton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Ruby Rogers to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2025, meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Chair: Mrs. Gilliam welcomed Board of Visitors Marvin Gilliam and Amanda Pillion and UVA Vice President Dave Martel. Chair Gilliam recognized the David J. Prior Convocation Center and Chris Davis for their recent recognition by local high schools in an article in the Bristol Herald Courier. Everyone was reminded that commencement begins at 10 a.m., a brunch honoring guest speaker, Governor Glenn Youngkin starts at 8:30 a.m. and dinner at Lila Vicars Smith House with Chancellor Henry begins at 5:30 p.m. Student commencement speaker, Ines Latapia Izquierdo was also recognized. Mrs. Gilliam introduced and welcomed the 2025-2026 new student board member, Taylor Cochran.

Remarks by Vice Chair Lewey Lee: Mr. Lee shared the following statistics regarding the College since its beginning in 1954. 109 students were admitted to Clinch Valley College in 1954—in 1964, 200 students were on campus—in 1970, the first Bachelor of Arts degrees were awarded—in 1973, the Bachelor of Science degree was awarded—in 1991, student enrollment exceeded 1,000 and the first football game was played in the Carroll Dale Stadium – in 1999 the College name changed to UVA Wise and the first home football game was played at the Carl W. Smith Stadium – currently, there are over 1,300 degree seeking students with a total of 2,300 enrolled. The “dream of a few” has multiplied many times over and tomorrow’s 300 graduates will walk across the stage. A total of 16,447 total degrees have been awarded over the years. What an impact the dream of a few made and still lives on.

Remarks by Alumni Association Board Member: Mr. Jimmy Adkins thanked everyone who assisted with all of the activities pertaining to commencement. The Alumni Board meetings were held on February 12 and April 8. Officers for the year 2025-2026 are President: Emily Baxter Paul '13; President-Elect: Hunter Hess '19; Vice President: Jenny Nichols '01; Past President: Bill Stokes '74; Treasurer: Elizabeth “Opie” Booth Craft '95; Parliamentarian: Tyler McFarland '18; and Secretary: David Luther '97. The Board elected the following to fill board positions beginning July 1,

2025: Mike Asbury '73, Stephanie Cooperstein '12, Matt Dotson '13, Noah Hall '21, Sibyll "Hennie Merna" Jones '89, Frank Pyanoe '85. The Annual Board Retreat is scheduled for June 7. The Red & Gray game was a great success. The Annual Spring Swing Golf Tournament was held on April 11. All of the sponsors were recognized with great appreciation. The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Cavalier Celebration Gala is scheduled for May 17 at the Lonesome Pine Country Club. The theme for the event is "Throughout the Decades" and tickets are available for purchase. The Senior Champagne Toast is tonight beginning at 8 p.m. on the patio by the Lake. Save-the-date for Homecoming activities is September 22-27, 2025, in conjunction with football game versus Tusculum University on September 27. Go CAVS Go!

Remarks by Student Member Layne Bush: Ms. Bush thanked everyone for allowing her the opportunity to speak one final time on behalf of the students. It has been such an exciting end to a wonderful and successful school year. She highlighted the Spring Break trips to Scotland and the Borderlands, South Africa and Turkey, and Southern France. Next week, students, including herself will embark on trips to London, Paris, and Greece. SGA President Rudeseal and Ms. Bush had the amazing opportunity to present at UVA's March Board of Visitors meeting, explore Charlottesville and share their love of UVA Wise. Everyone was very welcoming and eager to hear about how the students were doing in SWVA. She thanked Chancellor Henry and Ms. Pillion and all those who helped to arrange this visit. On campus, spring events included: Student Leadership Awards Banquet, Cavapaloosa also known as "WiseChella", Stressbusters, Late Night Breakfast that served over 335 students and best of all, a Kickball game at midnight with over 120 students participating. The final SGA meeting of the school year took place with the executive board officers and senators taking office for the 2025-2026 school year. They are already working to prepare for the upcoming school year. Will Rudeseal was sworn in for his second term as SGA President, Connor Blevins, a junior and member of the UVA Wise track team, will be Vice President, Morgan Blankenship, a senior and member of the volleyball team, will be Treasurer, and Ms. Bush will be Secretary. All fourteen available senator positions were filled as well, and the remaining Freshmen and Year in Wise senator positions will be filled in the fall. Ms. Bush is very grateful to be continuing in the upward momentum of SGA and excited for all that is to come in the future for student self-governance. She thanked all the Board members for the opportunity to represent her peers over the course of this school year. The future of student leadership at UVA Wise is bright and she is certain that Taylor Cochran will do the most amazing job and be a wonderful addition to the board next school year.

#### CLOSED SESSION

As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) and 2.2-3711 A(1) a motion was made by Phillip Blevins and seconded by Fran Hunt to convene in closed session for the purpose of considering a legal update regarding attorney-client privilege communications and for the purpose of considering promotion and tenure candidates. The motion received unanimous approval. As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 (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.

#### RECONVENED IN SESSION

## ACTION ITEMS

Promotion and Tenure: Each year certain faculty members undergo the process for promotion and tenure. Faculty rank and promotion are based on criteria adopted by the College Board and listed in the Faculty Handbook. These criteria include academic qualifications, years of experience, and demonstrated achievement in the areas of teaching, service and scholarship. The faculty member submits a portfolio which is reviewed by the academic department, the department chair, and the Faculty Committee on Evaluation. The Faculty Committee on Evaluation reviews all portfolios and submits their recommendations to the Academic Dean and Provost, who also make recommendations. The final approval at the College lies with the Chancellor prior to being submitted to the College Board for review and the Board of Visitors for approval. Provost Gary Johnson presented faculty promotion candidates.

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

UVA Wise Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026: Chancellor Henry and Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations, Joe Kiser, presented an overview of the 2025-2026 budget plan.

The budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year has been prepared with instructions from the University's Budget Office and with participation from a number of campus constituencies. The budget process included the Chancellor, each Vice Chancellor, and an oversight group which included the Senior Leadership team, Chairman of the Faculty Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Staff Senate and the Budget Office. The University's budget process requires that the various units and agencies of the University provide budgetary information by mid-January, so the entire budget can be compiled for action by the College Board in May and the Board of Visitors at its June meeting.

The budget is based on acceptance of the tuition and E&G fee proposal approved by the College Board and the Board of Visitors in compliance with the College's Six Year Plan. The College Board approved no increase of tuition and fees, for two years, at its November 3, 2023 meeting. These were approved by the Board of Visitors during December 7-8, 2023. The budget factors in other charges were previously approved by the Board and BOV, state operational funding, and current enrollment projections. Given the current economic climate, the budget and its assumptions continue to remain fluid.

The proposed budget incorporates assumptions based on the Governor's introduced budget. The budget allocates resources to provide for the three percent pay increase, which is fund split for E&G positions between the Commonwealth and College, and the College funds the entire pay increase for auxiliary and sponsored program paid positions.

The 2025-2026 operating budget for UVA Wise is projected to total \$77.7 million, an increase of 2.8 percent as compared to the original 2024-2025 budget. The budget is based on the Governor's introduced budget. This budget is subject to change upon the final budget as approved by the Governor.

A motion was made by Brian Blanton and seconded by Phillip Blevins to approve the 2025-2026 budget resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Meal Plan Additions: The College annually adjusts the cost to those students who purchase dining plans. Chartwells Dining Services and College staff conduct surveys and work with the Student Government Association to get student input on food operations.

To maintain and effectively operate the College's dining services, revenue must reflect its cost of operation. The Commonwealth of Virginia does not provide funding for operational meal services. Staff members have listened to students on their desires for meal plan options and their views on food service on campus. The College has continued to address student concerns and requests which include modifying meal plan structures, hours of operation, and premium service options.

The College has continued to add options to address the needs of the students and those who look to the College for dining options. We provide students with the option to obtain an unlimited dining plan which provides for all day unlimited food and beverage service in the Smith Dining Commons as well as 50 meal swipes for retail locations. The Cavalier Red Plan, available to upperclassmen, offers 175 meals that can be used in any dining location, plus \$50 bonus dollars.

The College is adding additional residential space through a management agreement with Land Star that will be located one mile off our main campus. With the addition of these spaces, the College plans to offer students a new, apartment style, meal plan consisting of 105 meals that can be used in any dining location, plus \$100 bonus dollars. The College would like to offer this meal plan to students who live in apartment style housing where each unit has its own kitchen.

The College also plans to offer a new Summer Block Plan to support students who remain in Wise for the summer. This new block plan would offer 40 meals for brunch and dinner services provided by Chartwells Dining Services.

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

Student Housing Rental Rate: The College annually reviews the costs students pay while living in the College's residence halls. To maintain and effectively operate the college's residence halls, revenue must reflect the cost of operation. The Commonwealth of Virginia does not provide operational funding for residence halls. To continue providing housing opportunities that meet the needs and expectations of the student body, and to address the needs to add additional residential spaces, the college is entering into a public-private partnership and management agreement with Land Star for 32 additional beds that will be located within a mile of campus. These townhouses, named Clinch Valley Townhouses, will be managed as a 12-month rental for our students, offering a more modern living experience, and will offer a reduced meal plan as each unit has its own kitchen.

A motion was made by Ruby Rogers and seconded by Phillip Blevins to approve resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Graduate Certificate Tuition and Fees: The University of Virginia's Board of Visitors sets undergraduate, graduate, professional, and special program tuition and fees for the Academic Division and for The University of Virginia's College at Wise. The enabling resolution covers the 2025-2026 academic year graduate certificate tuition, as well as required fees, for The University of Virginia's College at Wise. The University of Virginia's College at Wise is presenting tuition and required fee rates for a graduate certificate. This material shows the establishment of tuition and required fees for the newly approved graduate certificate in Technology Management and Data Analytics program. The Technology Management and Data Analytics graduate certificate, proposed

to launch this Fall, is an interdisciplinary program designed to advance STEM-H by integrating technology management and data analytics, serving both as a stand-alone credential and a pathway to a future master's degree. The curriculum equips graduates with technical, analytical, and ethical competencies to meet the growing demand for professionals who can drive data-informed decisions and navigate the convergence of business, IT, and analytics across sectors such as healthcare, business intelligence, and IT management. Aligned with Virginia's and national workforce priorities, the program targets students and professionals in fields like Business Administration, Mathematics, and Computer Science, fostering upskilling, career advancement, and leadership in technology-rich environments. By emphasizing practical applications, ethical considerations, and interdisciplinary collaboration, this graduate certificate supports workforce readiness and lifelong learning, contributing to UVA Wise's broader efforts to strengthen STEM-H education and degree attainment across the state.

A motion was made by Ruby Rogers and seconded by Fran Hunt to approve resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Election of the UVA Wise College Board Clerk: As required by the bylaws, the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, upon recommendation of the Chancellor, shall elect annually a member of the College to serve as Clerk of the Board. The Chancellor recommends that Dawn Jessee be elected as Clerk of the Board.

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

UVA Wise College Board Membership: The following College Board appointments and reappointments were recommended.

Recommended for Appointment or Reappointment to the College Board

Leton L. Harding (re-appointment)

Lewey K. Lee (re-appointment)

Tami Ely (new appointment)

Bill Thompson (new appointment)

Taylor Cochran: Student Member (appointment)

Executive Committee Appointment

Fran Hunt

A motion was made by Karen Mullins and seconded by Ruby Rogers to approve appointments and reappointments as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise College Board Meeting Dates 2025-2026: The College Board meeting dates are determined at the end of each academic year. These dates are chosen based upon the academic calendar, major events and activities of the College, and the schedule of the Board of Visitors. These dates represent the best effort to maintain the College Board schedule given the information that is currently available.

Friday, August 22, 2025  
Full Board

Friday, November 7, 2025  
Full Board

Friday, February 6, 2026  
Full Board (Virtual)

Thursday, April 9, 2026  
Executive Committee  
(Interviews for Student Board Member)

Friday, May 8, 2026  
Full Board  
(Commencement is May 9, 2026)

A motion was made by Ruby Rogers and seconded by Mike Allen to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Resolutions of Appreciation: Resolutions of appreciation for board members Scott Litton (read by Mike Allen), Robby Stallard (read by Marvin Gilliam), Layne Bush (read by Jimmy Adkins) and retirees Marcia Mitchell and Elizabeth Moore were approved by a motion made by Phillip Blevins and seconded by Jimmy Adkins. The motion received unanimous approval.

Report Items:

Use of Facilities/Property Document: Tabitha Smith and Joe Kiser presented the recently updated "Use of College Facilities or Property" policy and process for the College. This policy contains neutral regulations around freedom of expression that assures a safe atmosphere for students and employees is maintained, that the College can focus on its mission and preserve the aesthetics of the Campus. This form is located on the College website.

Chancellor's Report: Chancellor Henry shared that department reports are now listed in the Table of Contents for reference. She recognized the good work of the President of SGA, William Rudeseal, and the newly added student member of the College Board, Layne Bush, who is now an executive officer of the SGA. This initiative really enhanced communication between the student board member and SGA. President Rudeseal will present an SGA report and plans at the fall College Board meeting. The Vice Chancellor of Human Resources search continues with a candidate selected for interview with Chancellor Henry soon. Updated enrollment number for full time freshmen is 432, Year in Wise is now 95, transfer is 79 and non-degree seeking is at 15. That brings total enrollment to 621. The target was 500. This year's Smith Scholars applications are at 88. The current number of

Smith Scholars is 125. Total scholarships awarded is \$7.33M—that number has grown significantly over the past 10-12 years. The hard work of Valerie Lawson and her Advancement team has led to this point and is greatly appreciated. She recognized Culbertson Hall's new kitchen and what a great addition it is for students. Darden Hall windows are currently being replaced and Darden and Zehmer now have new roofs. Thompson Hall and Asbury Hall windows will be replaced this summer as well as the exterior stairs and new furniture purchased. Campus Police hired two new female officers. The campaign goal of \$100M was set and to date \$103,500,000 has been raised with 98 new Bicentennial Scholarships added. With matching dollars included that brings impact to over \$130M. The UVA Wise endowment is higher than James Madison and George Mason within the Commonwealth and is the largest within COPLAC at \$188M. In the South Atlantic Conference the UVA Wise endowment is number two. An EPA grant that the College had been awarded has now been cancelled and the new Federal Budget being reviewed could cut out TRIO/Student Success programs. These funding cuts are being watched closely by the College. The Economic Forum is May 22<sup>nd</sup> and will include a Regional Workforce Housing Alliance program that addresses the housing shortage in the area.

Tomorrow the Commencement Brunch will begin at 8:30 a.m., robing at 9:15 a.m. and the Champagne Toast is tonight at 8:00 p.m. by the Lake.

There being no additional business or comments the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mullins, Secretary

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

**1. PROMOTION AND TENURE**

RESOLVED that The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board supports the recommendations regarding promotion and tenure as presented.

**2. 2025-2026 PROPOSED BUDGET**

RESOLVED that the 2025-2026 budget for the University of Virginia's College at Wise be approved as recommended.

**3. MEAL PLAN ADDITIONS**

RESOLVED that the meal rates for the College’s requested food service additions be adopted as recommended effective August 1, 2025.

<b><u>Student Meal Plans</u></b>			
	<b><u>2024-25</u></b>	<b><u>2025-2026</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
175 Meal Block & \$50/Semester	\$5,617*	\$5,853*	4.2%
Unlimited Meals & 50 Swipes/Semester	\$5,617*	\$5,853*	4.2%
<b>105 Meal Block &amp; \$100/Semester</b>		<b>\$4,753*</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
*Per academic year			
<b><u>Student Block Plans</u></b>			
	<b><u>2024-25</u></b>	<b><u>2025-2026</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
80 Block Plan	\$656	\$684	4.27%
50 Block Plan	\$432	\$451	4.40%
25 Block Plan	\$226	\$235	3.98%
<b><u>Summer Block Plan</u></b>			
	<b><u>2024-25</u></b>	<b><u>2025-2026</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
<b>40 Block Plan</b>		<b>\$480</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b><u>Casual Meal Rate</u></b>			
<b>Faculty/Staff</b>			
	<b><u>2024-25</u></b>	<b><u>2025-2026</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Breakfast	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.86	4.2%
Continental Breakfast	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.25	4.2%
Lunch	\$ 9.58	\$ 9.99	4.2%
Dinner	\$13.60	\$14.18	4.2%
Premium Dinner	\$15.26	\$15.90	4.2%
<b>Visitor/Guest</b>			
	<b><u>2024-25</u></b>	<b><u>2025-2026</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Breakfast	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.86	4.2%
Continental Breakfast	\$ 6.95	\$ 7.25	4.2%
Lunch	\$ 9.58	\$ 9.99	4.2%
Dinner	\$13.60	\$14.18	4.2%

**4. STUDENT HOUSING RENTAL RATE**

RESOLVED that the rental rates for the new residential spaces are approved effective July 1, 2025.

Student Housing Rental Rates

	2024-25	2025-26	_%_
McCrary, Asbury, Thompson, Henson, Martha Randolph, Culbertson and Still Hall	\$7,199*	\$7,343*	2.0%
<b>Clinch Valley Townhouses</b>		<b>\$8,535*</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
*Per academic year			
Summer Rate Per Term	\$ 584	\$ 596	2.0%

Student Housing Fees

	2025-26
Improper Checkout	\$ 100
Housing Cancellation – Prior to move-in day	\$ 100
Improper Room Switch	\$ 75
Semester Buy Out Fee	\$1,000
Health & Safety Fine	\$ 50
Re-Key fee	\$ 75
Lockout Fee – any lockout past 5	\$ 15

**5. GRADUATE CERTIFICATE TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES**

RESOLVED that the tuition and required fees applicable to the Certificate in Technology Management and Data Analytics are approved as presented.

	2025-26 Proposed
<b>Graduate Charges: Certificate in Technology Management and Data Analytics</b>	
Per Hour (Less than 12 hours per semester)	\$ 350
Required E&G Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 8
Required Auxiliary Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 68

**6. ELECTION OF BOARD CLERK**

RESOLVED that Dawn Jessee be elected as Clerk of The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board for the 2025-2026 academic year.

**7. APPROVAL OF UVA WISE COLLEGE BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS**

RESOLVED that the College Board membership appointments for the University of Virginia’s College at Wise be approved as recommended and forwarded to the University of Virginia Board of Visitors for action.

**8. APPROVAL OF COLLEGE BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2025-2026**

RESOLVED that the meeting dates, as presented, be approved for the 2025-2026 year.

**9. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board  
Resolution of Appreciation

Scott Litton

WHEREAS, J. Scott Litton, Jr. has served as a member of the University of Virginia's College at Wise board since 2021; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Litton's years on the College Board, the College has made great progress in increasing academic programs, bestowing its first master's level degrees, expanding athletic opportunities and surpassing the Honor the Future Campaign goal of \$100 million; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Litton is a proud alumnus of Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia, now the University of Virginia's College at Wise, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Biology and Chemistry; and earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Virginia's School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Litton, upcoming completion of his residency at Spartanburg Regional Hospital, he returned to his beloved Lee County, Virginia, where he established Litton Family Medicine, PC; and

WHEREAS, has devoted his career to caring for the patients in the region providing medical treatment with great empathy, care, concern and compassion while advocating for the needs of his patients; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Litton has been a great ambassador for UVA Wise; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, extends our heartfelt thanks for his service and extends to him its profound gratitude and best wishes for all future endeavors.

Adopted in Wise, Virginia, by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board on May 9, 2025.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board  
Resolution of Appreciation

Robby Stallard

WHEREAS, Robert F. Stallard has served with distinction as a member of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board since 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallard is a proud alumnus of Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia, now the University of Virginia's College at Wise, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics; and also earned a Master of Science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallard has also served UVA Wise as a member of the Foundation Board during a remarkable time in the College's history including the 50th Anniversary Celebration and the Fulfilling the Dream Campaign; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Stallard's years on the College Board, the College has made enormous progress in increasing academic programs, including its first master's level degree program, expanding athletic opportunities and implementing capital improvements to include the \$37 million Library, and launching of the Honor the Future Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallard, his wife Jeannie and their family, and the Robert and Jeannie Stallard Foundation, have made great investments in the College through philanthropic support and significantly endowing scholarships at UVA Wise to support the ambitions of students in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallard endeavors to pay forward support that he received while he was a student at Virginia Tech, he and Jeannie, endowed the Robert F. Stallard Fellowship in STEM in December of 2019, a full scholarship providing experiential learning opportunities, the first of its kind at UVA Wise, and with the first recipient being announced in the Spring of 2025; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallard has been a great ambassador for UVA Wise and remains a loyal supporter and staunch advocate for serving the students of Virginia and beyond; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, extends our heartfelt thanks for his service and extends to him its profound gratitude and best wishes for all future endeavors.

Adopted in Wise, Virginia, by the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, the 9th day of May 2025.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board  
Resolution of Appreciation

Layne Bush

WHEREAS, Layne Bush served as the student member of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board during the 2024-2025 year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bush has been an able and astute member, always prepared and willing to do her best; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bush has spent many hours listening to fellow students so that she could give a voice to their ideas, accomplishments and needs; and she has spoken eloquently to the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board about these issues and worked to make a difference in the lives of her peers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bush's service as a leader has been impactful in many activities and organizations including being a member of the Future Professionals Club, serving as a social media intern with SWVA Graduate Medical Education Consortium, working as a teaching assistant in the chemistry lab and also volunteering in the Community Nourishment Project assisting residents of SWVA by providing free hot meals and medical education and resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bush has represented the student body and College at Wise Board as a Junior Senator of the Student Government Association, co-chair of the Academic and Student Affairs committee, Treasurer of the American Chemical Society UVA-Wise chapter and Student Representative on the UVA Wise Alumni Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bush has had her extraordinary service and academic achievements honored in several ways including being a recipient of the Carl W. Smith Chancellor's Scholar, a Peake Honors Scholar and a Jeroleen and Lee Elam Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bush, by her intelligence, strength of character and stewardship epitomizes the College's student body; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bush has served as a model student board member for all the students who follow her in service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, extends to Layne Bush its profound gratitude and best wishes for all future endeavors.

Adopted in Wise, Virginia, by the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board on May 9, 2025

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board  
Resolution of Appreciation

Marcia Mitchell

WHEREAS, Marcia Mitchell has provided invaluable service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise as Director for TRIO Student Support Services for 34.5 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell has capably guided the TRIO Student Support Services project with her knowledge and dedication to adhere to regulations required by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell spearheaded the highly competitive grant writing process to successfully keep the TRIO Student Support Services grant on campus and serving underrepresented students (first-generation, low-income and students with disabilities) since 1970; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell provided a genuine, welcoming and supportive environment for students in TRIO Student Support Services to achieve their goal of persistence and graduation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell proved her professionalism, dedication and work ethic making her a unique asset to our College community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mitchell provided continuous support and unmatched leadership for the TRIO Student Support Services staff with encouragement and guidance, making the challenging days less challenging.

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 Marcia Mitchell their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors.

Adopted in Wise, Virginia, by the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board on May 9, 2025.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board  
Resolution of Appreciation

M. Elizabeth (Liz) Moore

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Moore has faithfully served The University of Virginia's College at Wise with unwavering dedication, professionalism, and integrity for more than three decades, most recently as a Procurement Officer; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Moore began her dedicated career at The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 1993 as a bookstore clerk, where her diligence and aptitude quickly earned her a promotion to the Comptroller's Office as an accountant, and later, in 2002, to the role of Procurement Officer, where she continued to serve with excellence; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Elizabeth exemplified the highest standards of ethics, responsibility, and expertise in areas of financial operations, earning her Virginia Contracting Officer certification and completing her Accounting degree at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, all while upholding the rigorous financial policies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth was instrumental in maintaining and advancing the College's financial systems, including the transition to Oracle in 1999 and Workday in 2022, and effectively managing critical programs such as the small purchase charge card initiative and procurement contract oversight; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth's legacy is defined not only by her technical proficiency but by her deep commitment to the mission of The University of Virginia's College at Wise, her steadfast support of colleagues and departments, and her tireless efforts to serve the campus community with pride, humility, and grace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of The University of Virginia's College at Wise, on behalf of the entire College community, extends its deepest appreciation to Elizabeth Moore for her extraordinary service, and wishes her continued success, happiness, and fulfillment in all future endeavors.

Adopted in Wise, Virginia, by the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board on May 9, 2025.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD**

Friday, August 22, 2025  
Cantrell Hall Banquet Room

Marcia A. Gilliam  
Chair

Lewey K. Lee  
Vice Chair

**Agenda**

9:00 a.m.     **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS**     Lewey K. Lee

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Adoption of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2025 Board Meeting

**REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR**     Lewey K. Lee

**REMARKS BY ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE**     Jimmy Adkins

**REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER**     Taylor Cochran

**ACTION ITEM**

**UVA WISE SIX-YEAR PLAN**     Donna P. Henry and Joe Kiser

**REPORT ITEMS**

**ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**     Jeffrey Baylor

**STUDENT AFFAIRS EXPEDITION/MOVE IN**     Tabitha Smith

**STUDENT HOUSING UPDATE**     Tabitha Smith and Joe Kiser

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT**     William Rudeseal  
SGA President

**HONOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN END REPORT**     Valerie Lawson

**REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR**     Donna P. Henry

11:30 a.m.     **CLOSING REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR**     Donna P. Henry

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS**     All

**CLOSING REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR**     Lewey K. Lee

12:00 p.m.     **LUNCH WITH TENNIS COACH ALEX HUNT**

## Minutes

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

August 22, 2025

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met in-person on Friday, August 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Cantrell Hall Banquet Room. Members present were Mike Allen, Jimmy Adkins, Phillip Blevins, Valeri Colyer, Kathy Curtis, Tami Ely, Cedric Green, Don Green, Leton Harding, Lewey Lee, Duane Miller, Karen Mullins, Rhonda Perkins, Ruby Rogers, Bill Thompson and Taylor Cochran. Members absent included Brian Blanton, M. J. Carpenter, Marcia Gilliam, Marvin Gilliam, George Hunnicutt, Jr. and Fran Hunt.

Vice Chair Lewey Lee presided over the meeting and Dawn Jessee recorded the minutes. Chancellor Donna Henry opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Kathy Curtis and seconded by Ruby Rogers to approve the agenda as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Rhonda Perkins and seconded by Mike Allen to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2025, meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Vice Chair: Mr. Lee welcomed everyone and the new members to the meeting. Vice Chair Lee is chairing today's meeting. He shared information regarding notable Alum Randall Hylton, who was named America's Foremost Bluegrass songwriter multiple times. He had over 200 songs performed by famous artists. This alum had an ambition as a child to be a country music performer and learned to play the guitar at the age of five. He moved to Nashville in 1973 with the intention of writing country music songs at a time when it was becoming more like pop music and he transitioned to writing bluegrass music and created his own recording company, Grassy Creek Music. He was inducted into the Blue Ridge Bluegrass Hall of Fame posthumously. He was truly an amazing artist. He attended and graduated from Clinch Valley College in the mid-1960's and worked in the Business Office for a few years until he moved to Nashville. He authored the Ballad of Crockett Hall.

Remarks by Alumni Association Board Member: Mr. Jimmy Adkins thanked everyone who played a part in a wonderful start to the semester – especially SGA President William Rudeseal and Student Member of the Board, Taylor Cochran. The 2025 Sr. Celebration and Champagne Toast on the Lawn on May 9 and Commencement on May 10 were great successes. He encouraged everyone to participate in these events as it is such a rewarding experience to see the accomplishments of our students. The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Cavalier Celebration Gala was held on May 17 at the Lonesome Pine Country Club. The Annual Alumni Board Retreat was held on campus on June 7<sup>th</sup> with the passing of the gavel to new President Emily Baxter Paul. The first football game is August 30, celebrating Lelia Maude Richmond Day. Save-the-date for Homecoming activities is September 22-27, 2025, in conjunction with football game versus Tusculum University on September 27. Mr. Adkins challenged all board members to go to an athletic event, a cultural performing arts event on campus, volunteer or watch a student event on campus. Go CAVS Go!

Remarks by Student Member Taylor Cochran: Ms. Cochran thanked everyone for allowing her the opportunity to serve as the student member of the board and to represent her fellow Cavaliers. Ms. Cochran reported the following. Summer highlights included globally adventurous Cavaliers. Sixteen students traveled to London and Paris to explore museums, historical landmarks and amazing food. Other student travels included a trip to Greece where famous beaches; the Parthenon and Acropolis were highlighted tours. Ms. Cochran shared how grateful she is to be a part of a university that provides these many wonderful opportunities to study abroad. The summer trips did not stop in Europe. A group of nursing faculty and students journeyed to Belize on a short-term healthcare mission trip, providing primary care services to underserved communities. One of the students shared that it was truly an eye-opening experience that helped her grow as a nursing student by strengthening her cultural competence and deepening her empathy. A highlight of the trip was attending a local church service where the warm welcome reminded her of the true mission of the visit. Fall semester is off to an exciting start. Welcome Week events included Red & Black Scrimmage, SGA Movie Night, OREC Lawn Bash and the campus favorite DJ Bingo. A huge thank you is extended to Mikaela Logan, Director of Student Engagement and her team, for their amazing work. Expedition fun began with the friends and family send-off with over 380 first year students participating. The week would be filled with laser tag, mechanical bull riding, popcorn and cotton candy snacks, hearing from a motivational speaker, and Tom Krieglstein's Dance Floor Theor. Over 400 students participated in the following excursions across campus: video game tournament, pottery glazing, swimming at Camp Bethel Lake, theatre workshop, chemistry experiments, Welcome Week Block party with bounce castle, water slides and free donuts. In conclusion, Ms. Cochran shared her goals for the upcoming year: to ensure all students are aware of who she is and how she can advocate for them, to continue the good work of establishing SGA involvement, to continue to work with the Year in Wise program to ensure a smooth and supportive transition and to be an effective voice for all UVA Wise students.

#### ACTION ITEM

UVA Wise Six-Year Plan: Chancellor Henry and Joe Kiser presented an overview of the 2025 State Six-Year Institutional Plan. In accordance with the Restructuring Act and the HEOA and subsequent communications from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), the College at Wise submitted its respective preliminary 2025 Six-Year Institutional Plan on July 3, 2025. The plan for the College at Wise addresses the statewide higher education strategic plan, Pathways to Opportunity: The Virginia Plan for Higher Education, the HEOA, and the College's strategic plan, A College for a Lifetime, through interconnected initiatives aimed at enhancing recruitment, retention, and engagement of students; improving professional development and retention of talented faculty and staff; and expanding graduate programs. The Plan will be presented to SCHEV on August 25, 2025. The Board of Visitors must formally adopt the College's institutional six-year plan prior to submission of the final plan.

A motion was made by Phillip Blevins and seconded by Kathy Curtis to approve the 2025 six-year institutional plan for the College as presented and included in the board packet.

### Report Items:

Enrollment Management: Jeff Baylor provided an update regarding fall 2026 recruitment that currently shows slight increases in admitted and confirmed students. The applications number is down from 2024 due to system change that selects more targeted students likely to confirm. He shared some facts regarding confirmed freshmen: average HS GPA is 3.67, Virginia students – 372, out of state students – 68 and Year in Wise students – 78, Pell grant recipients – 910 with \$4,842,682 received, student loan data – total of 397 students (down from previous year) and loan amount of \$2,457,411 (also down from previous year). 2025-2026 priorities include: increasing freshman by 4% and transfer by 3%, review pricing strategy by evaluating scholarship model, new admissions applications open on September 1, continue streamlining strategies (visits, travel and orientation), continue utilization of College Vine AI recruiters/assistant, increase gross amount from Federal, State, and local financial aid sources, implement AI financial assistant and continue to build the Financial Aid team focusing on innovation, collaboration and student success.

Student Affairs Expedition/Move In: Tabitha Smith shared photos and details regarding RA training, Expedition Leadership training, First-year move in (392 students moved in), Loved ones send off, 430 students checked in for Expedition and 350 participated in Expedition excursions and Welcome Week activities.

Student Housing Update: Tabitha Smith and Joe Kiser provided an update regarding student housing. Housing activities over the summer included 80 summer school students housed in Culbertson and Still Halls, replaced over 125 mattresses across campus, unloaded/installed \$120,000 worth of furniture, accommodated 10 overnight groups in multiple buildings for summer conferences, new floors and showers were installed in Still Hall, new windows, shades, microwave carts, flat screen TV wall mounts and stairs at Asbury and Thompson Halls were installed. Photos of the new Clinch Valley Townhouses were shown. Current student housing occupancy (heads in beds) for 2025 is at 643. Total occupancy is 604 plus 80 total converted spaces for a total capacity of 684.

Student Government Association Report: William Rudeseal provided the following report. SGA Core Values include unity, respect and communication. SGA constitutional changes include the creation of new committees of an Enrollment Committee to work with Admissions/Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management to ensure great experience for new students and Committee on Student Life who will work with Chartwells, Student Affairs, Maintenance and Groundskeeping to ensure student spaces are being properly taken care of. Internal Affairs Sub-Committee replaces SGA arrest policy and is comprised of the President, Vice President, Advisor, Secretary and longest serving member of the Senate to determine the imposed sanction. The total SGA budget of \$60,731 breakdown: Committee Budget - \$13,000, Executive Board Budget -- \$25,000, Allocation Budget -- \$15,000, Miscellaneous Budget -- \$7,731. SGA Major Events for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 include Homecoming Dance and Casino Night with 225 students participating (not including their guests), Nelly Concert (50 students) and Scary on McCrary over 300 students, Crockett Hall lighting (225 students) Stressbusters (270 students), Cavapalooza (over 600 students). SGA was able to serve over 1,670 students not including committee events. SGA was able to serve every single non-CTE student in some capacity by either providing a meal, fun event or support. UVA and UVA Wise Student Government Partnership is an agreement that will link the two organizations together as sister organizations that will allow both executive boards to work together to solve or improve conditions on both campuses and garners recognition for UVA Wise SGA brand. It will also allow for the ability to work on projects together across university lines and shared resources. A UVA/UVA Wise SGA will sign a Memorandum of Agreement in the coming weeks that will go into effect for 2025-2026 (ATTACHED). SGA initiatives for 2025-2026 include review of SGA constitution, continued student

engagement to ensure impactful experiences, promote security education for all students on campus and become more proactive with student academic needs.

Honor the Future Campaign Report: Valerie Lawson reported final gifts and pledges total of \$103,871,543.55 with a goal of \$100,000,000.00. A breakdown of total academic/merit scholarships and athletics: Gifts & Pledges -- \$61,417,905.09, Bicentennial Match Received -- \$22,604,377.24, Bicentennial Matches to come -- \$4,774,802.00 with Total Scholarship impact of \$88,797,084.33. Total *Honor the Future* Impact is \$131,250,722.79. Ninety-eight scholarships were established as part of the Bicentennial Initiative – 85 qualified for a 50% match and 13 for a 100% match. Total impact of \$59,006,242.13. *Honor the Future* Campaign impacted all areas of campus including Cantrell Hall, McCraray Hall, Lila Vicars Smith Huse, C. Bascom Slep Student Center and Ely Health & Wellness Center, Humphreys-Thomas Field House, Refresh of Beaty-Richmond Turf, New Turfed field for Stallard Field, and New Turfed field for C.M. “Bill” Gatton Softball field. SEE ATTACHED HONOR THE FUTURE REPORT.

Chancellor’s Report: Chancellor Henry shared that the College Board Packet has great information in it regarding the good work of all areas. Genna Kasun and her team have done some incredible work – UVA Wise has an advertising spot on The Friday Night Rivalry game. Shannon Blevins and her team are doing great outreach such as Tadler Graduate Fellows projects across the region, GO Virginia Work, and STRONG ACC work.

A Deficit Provision Acknowledgment Form for 2025 was included in each board packet. (See attached)

The next meeting is November 7, 2025.

There being no additional business or comments the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mullins, Secretary

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

### 1. 2025 Six-Year Institutional Plan for the College at Wise

#### **2025 SIX-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL PLAN FOR THE COLLEGE AT WISE**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011, § 23.1-306 of the Code of Virginia, requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to develop and adopt biennially an institutional six-year plan and submit that plan to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV); the General Assembly; the Governor; and the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education and Health, and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the College at Wise submitted its preliminary six-year plan as required by July 3, 2025, outlining general strategies to advance the priorities of the Commonwealth in alignment with the respective strategic goals of the College at Wise; and

WHEREAS, final institutional plans must be approved by the Board of Visitors and submitted to SCHEV; the General Assembly; the Governor; and the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education and Health, and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than October 1, 2025;

RESOLVED, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise Board approves the 2025 six-year institutional plan for the College at Wise.

# Honor the Future Campaign Report

UVA Wise College Board Meeting  
August 22, 2025



## Honor the Future Campaign Update



UVA Wise *Honor the Future* Campaign  
Concluded June 30, 2025

Designation	Goal	Total HTF Campaign Impact
Academic/Merit Scholarships	\$ 35,000,000.00	\$ 70,014,883.41
Academics	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 16,616,542.07
Athletics	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 27,572,489.60
Great Ideas	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 14,727,803.72
Capital	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 2,054,714.00
Professorships	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 264,289.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 131,250,722.79</b>



# Impact of the Bicentennial Scholarships

Established **98** Scholarships as part of the Bicentennial Initiative – 85 qualified for a 50% match and 13 for a 100% match.

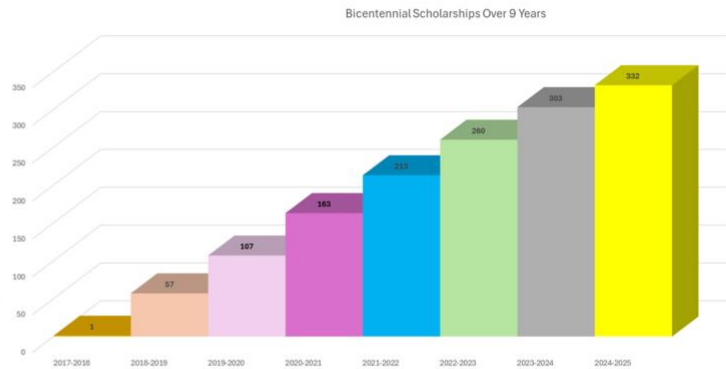
Gifts and pledges for Bicentennial Scholarships:

- \$31,601,977.42

Matching Funds from UVA

- \$27,404,264.71

**Total Impact: \$59,006,242.13**



**1,436 Students Impacted**  
Scholarships totaled \$8,102,662

## Honor the Future Campaign Update

Designation	Goal	Gifts & Pledges
Academic/Merit Scholarships	\$ 35,000,000.00	\$ 48,830,068.46
Academics	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 16,616,542.07
Athletics	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 21,378,125.31
Great Ideas	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 14,727,803.72
Capital	\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 2,054,714.00
Professorships	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 264,289.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 103,871,543.55</b>



# Honor the Future Campaign Update

Designation	Gifts & Pledges	Bicentennial Match Received	Bicentennial Matches to come	Total Scholarship Impact
Academic/Merit Scholarships	\$ 48,830,068.46	\$ 17,668,314.95	\$ 3,516,500.00	\$ 70,014,883.41
Athletics	\$ 12,587,836.63	\$ 4,936,062.29	\$ 1,258,302.00	\$ 18,782,200.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 61,417,905.09</b>	<b>\$ 22,604,377.24</b>	<b>\$ 4,774,802.00</b>	<b>\$ 88,797,084.33</b>



## HTF Campaign Impacts All Areas of Campus

Campaign funds helped to improve our campus through beautification projects and upgrades to:

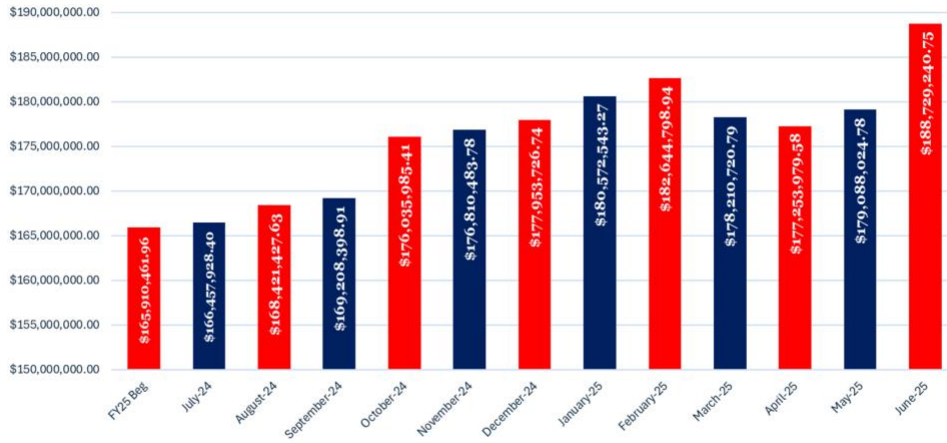
- Cantrell Hall
- McCrary Hall
- Lila Vicars Smith House
- C. Bascom Slemper Student Center & Ely Health and Wellness Center
- Humphreys-Thomas Field House
- Refresh of Beaty-Richmond Turf
- New Turfed field for Stallard Field
- New Turfed field for C.M. "Bill" Gatton Softball Field

Experiential Learning is Powerful and Campaign Funds are fueling trips abroad, making undergraduate research possible and now opening doors for outstanding hands-on experiences through internships!

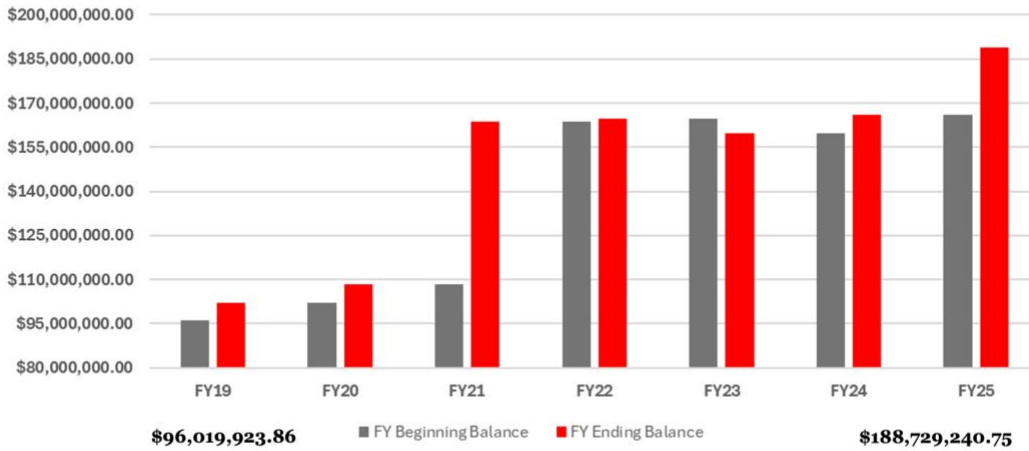
The \$103 million came from 11,694 donors through 68,938 transactions that our advancement services team processed!



## Endowment | Fiscal Year 2025 Performance



## Historical Information | Endowment | FY19-FY25





**STUDENT  
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ASSOCIATION**  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S  
COLLEGE AT WISE



### Memorandum of Cooperation

A historic agreement authorizing the cooperation between the University of Virginia's College at Wise Student Government Association and the University of Virginia's Student Council for the betterment of student experience at both institutions.

**Whereas**, the University of Virginia's College at Wise Student Government Association and the University of Virginia's Student Council acknowledge the important role that each organization plays in ensuring that student self-governance is maintained at both institutions.

**Whereas**, the University of Virginia's College at Wise Student Government Association and the University of Virginia's Student Council agree and have an understanding of promoting a positive student experience at the respective institution, while exploring ways in which these governing bodies can cooperate to provide access to resources, information, ideas, experiences, and cooperation between our respective institutions.

**Whereas**, the dually elected representatives of each student bodies hereby recognizes the importance of embracing a strong working relationship to ensure that decisions made throughout the University of Virginia are in the best interest of the students who reside on Grounds and the students who attend the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

**Whereas**, by signing this agreement, the President of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Student Government Association and the President of the University of Virginia's Student Council agree to terms as listed below.

**Whereas**, both organizations agree to the following:

1. Each organization agrees to unequivocally share information that could be considered crucial to the success of the organizations or could impact the student experience at each respective institution.
2. Each organization agrees to work for the betterment of the student experience at each respective institution by providing a path for mutual cooperation between our organizations, AND for supporting and advocating for the mutual cooperation between our two institutions in all areas of the student experience both socially and academically.
3. Both organizations agree to send representatives of their organization to visit the respective institutions on a regular basis based on the agreed timetable below or based on agreements made between representatives of institutional student leadership.
  - a. UVA Student Council representatives to UVA Wise in the Fall Semester (November-during the University of Virginia's College at Wise College Board Meeting)

- b. UVA Wise SGA representatives to UVA Charlottesville in the Spring Semester (March-during March University of Virginia Board of Visitors Meeting)
4. Both organizations agree to have regular communication and meetings throughout the academic year as defined and described by the President of each organization or their designee. As well as determining the rate at which the meetings occur, and with whom these meetings occur.
5. Both organizations agree to work closely with The Student Member of the Board of Visitors as well as The Student Member of the UVA Wise College Board.
6. Both organizations agree to also communicate regularly with institutional leaders such as the President of The University of Virginia and The Chancellor of The University of Virginia's College at Wise or their designees to provide updates on the collective work being conducted under this agreement

**Whereas**, the signed agreement between the two organizations shall stand through transition of leadership as directed by each organization's Constitution and Bylaws. At any point that the present leadership of the aforementioned organizations wish to cease the agreement, the duly elected President of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Student Government Association, or the duly elected President of The University of Virginia's Student Council shall provide the written notice via email to their respective counterpart. At that time in which correspondence is received, the agreement will be terminated immediately, and neither organization is bound by the terms of the agreement.

**Whereas**, the agreement does not bind either organization to thoughts or comments made by the aforementioned organizations. The University of Virginia's College at Wise and The University of Virginia's Student Council are independent entities and as such have the right to comment on matters independently. In the moment of a combined statement, Presidents of both organizations must be notified and agree on the statement before any official marking of each organization is used and the statement is released.

**Therefore**, be it agreed that the University of Virginia's College at Wise Student Government Association and the University of Virginia's Student Council hereby agree to this Memorandum of Cooperation.

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Clay Dickerson

President of the University of Virginia's Student Council

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William T. Rudeseal

President of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Student Government Association

# Deficit Provision Acknowledgment Form

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## Section A (for all agencies)

### Agency Acknowledgement


I have received, read, and understand your instructions regarding indebtedness of state agencies as they relate to the requirements of § 4-3.01 of the current Appropriation Act.

Agency Name UVA Wise Agency Code 246

Other agencies in the Act (if any) for which your agency is responsible: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Cabinet Head Name Donna Price Henry

Agency/Cabinet Head Signature \_\_\_\_\_

  
(Personal signature is required above and cannot be delegated)

Date 6/2/2025

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## Section B (if applicable to your agency)

**Supervisory Board** (see §2.2-2100 of the Code of Virginia for what constitutes a "supervisory board" )

I have provided each member of the supervisory board of this agency with a copy of the notice in this memorandum and I will provide the same material to those appointed to the board in the future.

  
(Personal Signature of Agency Head)

Date: 6/2/2025

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### E-mail to:

Digitally sign or scan the signed original; Save as a PDF, and Email to [budget@dpb.virginia.gov](mailto:budget@dpb.virginia.gov).

NOTE: Provide your agency name and agency number as well as the phrase "Deficit Provision Acknowledgment Form" in the subject line of the email.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD**

Friday, November 7, 2025

David J. Prior Convocation Center/Lakeview Room

Marcia A. Gilliam  
Chair

Lewey K. Lee  
Vice Chair

**(Draft) Agenda**

9:00 a.m.	<b>CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pledge of Allegiance</li><li>• Adoption of Agenda</li><li>• Approval of Minutes of August 22, 2025 Board Meeting</li></ul>	Marcia A. Gilliam
	<b>REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR</b>	Lewey K. Lee
	<b>REMARKS BY ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Jimmy Adkins
	<b>REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER</b>	Taylor Cochran
	<b><u>REPORT ITEMS</u></b>	
	<b>STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT &amp; GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE</b>	Shannon Blevins
	<b>FINANCIAL AID UPDATE FROM NEW DIRECTOR</b>	Mason White
	<b>COLLEGE RESEARCH UPDATE FROM NEW ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR RESEARCH</b>	Josephine Rodriguez
	<b>STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS</b>	Gary Johnson Students
	<b>REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR</b>	Donna P. Henry
11:30 a.m.	<b>CLOSING REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR</b>	Donna P. Henry
	<b>COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS</b>	All
	<b>CLOSING REMARKS BY CHAIR</b>	Marcia A. Gilliam
12:00 p.m.	<b>GROUP PHOTO AND LUNCH</b>	

## Minutes

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

November 7, 2025

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met in-person on Friday, November 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the David J. Prior Convocation Center/Lakeview Room. Members present were Mike Allen, Jimmy Adkins, Brian Blanton, Phillip Blevins, Valeri Colyer, Tami Ely, Marvin Gilliam, Marcia Gilliam, Don Green, Leton Harding, Duane Miller, Karen Mullins, Rhonda Perkins, Ruby Rogers, Bill Thompson and Taylor Cochran. Members absent included M. J. Carpenter, Kathy Curtis, Cedric Green, George Hunnicutt, Jr., Fran Hunt and Lewey Lee.

Chair Marcia Gilliam presided over the meeting and Dawn Jessee recorded the minutes. Chancellor Donna Henry opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Ruby Rogers and seconded by Brian Blanton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Phillip Blevins and seconded by Mike Allen to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2025, meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Chair: Mrs. Gilliam welcomed Board of Visitors Marvin Gilliam, Chair of Committee on College at Wise, Amanda Pillion, Vice Chair on Committee on College at Wise, Tom DePasquale, former Board of Visitors and former Committee on Wise member and Dave Martel, UVA Vice President for Communications and Chief Marketing Officer. Please note the save the dates on page twenty-one of the board packet and on page thirty-six note the Student Athletes are highlighted for the community work they are engaged in. Also, please see in packet, the Little CAVS 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary celebration and the special birthday cards made by the children. This is a wonderful facility and service provided to the community as a result of Chancellor Henry's vision and collaboration with the YWCA. In today's meeting, we will hear from some of our Research Students during the report portion. And what a great win our men's basketball team had over a nationally ranked team, number 15 Florida Southern.

Remarks by Alumni Association Board Member: Mr. Jimmy Adkins shared that he had heard only positive remarks from students regarding the many activities offered to the Highland Cavaliers this fall and gave a special thank you to Julie Scott, William Rudeseal, Taylor Cochran, SGA, Student Engagement, Intramurals and Chris Davis. The Alumni Association held its fall board meeting on September 9 with speakers Provost Gary Johnson sharing an update from the Office of Academic Affairs. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11. Homecoming was held on September 27 with the Golden Cavalier Brunch on Friday. The annual picnic in conjunction with Homecoming was on Saturday, September 27 and the CAVS had their first win against Tusculum. Mark your calendars for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Spring Swing Golf Tournament on April 17 and the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Cavalier Celebration on May 16 and to please see him after the meeting to purchase a ticket. Mr. Adkins encouraged everyone to go to at least one athletic event, attend a cultural performing arts event and volunteer at least one student engagement event. GO CAVS GO!

Remarks by Student Member Taylor Cochran: Ms. Cochran reported that this year's football homecoming week celebrated our Cavalier pride and community, featuring a lineup of major events leading up to the big game. Highlights included the Lip Sync Battle, Festival at the Lake, and the popular Casino Night & Dance. The Lip Sync Battle, hosted by the Office of Student Engagement, kicked off festivities with energetic student and staff performances. The Chancellor's surprise video performance was once again a wonderful production and major hit for the second year in a row, displaying her success in showbiz would be equally successful as being our chancellor. She earned big applause from the audience and set up the tone for the week.

The Festival at the Lake followed with DJ music, food trucks, yard games, and valuable life lessons: egg toss looks fun until you are the one discovering how not easy it is to remove yolk from your hair. The event also featured a live stream of the volleyball game at Catawba, which kicked off a weekend of Cavalier victories. Despite a long rain delay, the football team played with heart and came away with an impressive win. The Homecoming Court was recognized at halftime, with Tanner Kiser and Haylee Moore crowned King and Queen.

Campus Rec also took a group of students to Charlottesville for a UVA football game. The trip offered students the chance to experience the excitement of a Hoo's game day and explore UVA's campus. Then, to everyone's surprise, they spotted Todd Pillion, their very own Virginia State Senator, joining the festivities right alongside them in full game-day spirit. The group cheered on the Cavaliers' victory as they shared the lively college football atmosphere.

Appalachian Heritage Week was another tremendous success, celebrating the culture, history, and spirit of the Appalachian region. The star of the week was the visit from Homer Hickam, acclaimed author of *Rocket Boys*, which inspired the hit movie *October Sky*. After his talk, Hickam personally signed books, posed for photos, and engaged in personal conversations with attendees. His visit left an impression on those who attended.

Cav-oween, hosted by Student Affairs, began spooky fun across campus. The celebration concluded with a sweet candy giveaway and a lively dress-up day featuring faculty and staff in creative costumes. One of the best moments came when Lorax and the Grinch accompanied by Cat in the Hat, Thing 1 & 2, Max, and our very own Truffle Tree, rolled around campus in the Cavs Cash Cab, a golf cart turned trivia-on-wheels experience, which has its own fan club even during freezing temperatures.

Scary on McCraray wrapped up Halloween celebrations bringing students together for a night of spooky fun. Campus offices and organizations hosted festive tables, including Dirty Sodas from Residence Life, Halloween Squishes from OSE, pumpkin painting with OAO, and a pumpkin pie-eating contest hosted by SGA where students enthusiastically cheered on their peers and were amazed at how quickly pies could disappear without the use of hands! The Theatre Department's haunted house kept everyone on edge, while Dr. Arrowood led an exciting ghost hunt around campus. The night's main feature was SM6, a popular TikTok band with 3 million followers who were booked by a team from student affairs at the APCA (Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities) conference last spring. They not only performed live and DJed but also met with students who were overjoyed to have live music back on campus and maybe left little starstruck. It was heartwarming to see the campus community come together, and on behalf of students we are so grateful to all the offices and organizations whose hard work and dedication made Scary on McCraray, and other events this semester thus far, so memorable.

The Student Government Association has been busy this semester, continuing to strengthen student life and support student organizations. Thus far, SGA has chartered 6 new clubs including Wise Business Institute, The Cool Car Club, Community Garden Club, Book Club, and Horror Film Club. Each of these organizations is eager to add to the existing excitement and variety of campus events.

To support growth, SGA has allocated 45% of this semester's allocation funds to help clubs get started, support student trips and events, and sponsor a variety of campus initiatives. SGA has played a key role in promoting campus-wide events such as Festival at The Lake and Black-Tie Casino Night, both of which received strong attendance and positive student feedback. During Homecoming, SGA distributed custom UVA Wise sweatpants to students at the football game; because nothing says Cavalier prides like comfy gameday attire. A few pairs remain, so if any board members would like a pair, please let me know; we are happy to share!

The SGA Campus Life Committee recently spread Halloween joy beyond campus by organizing and delivering candy treat bags to local primary and middle school students. Members worked together to assemble and deliver bags filled with sweet treats, bringing smiles and a few sugar rushes to young faces in the community. This showcased SGA's commitment to fostering connections between the college and the town of Wise.

Looking ahead, preparations are underway for the Lighting of Crockett, one of our most beloved annual traditions where SGA will be giving out UVA Wise beanies to students. Polar Express Night will follow the lighting where students can wear holiday pjs and kick off the season with hot chocolate, crafts, and movies.

Additionally, SGA will host representatives from UVA's Student Council from November 13th-15th, coinciding with the Emory & Henry game. The visit includes a dinner to celebrate the signing of Resolution 2526 - 01, an agreement between UVA Wise SGA and UVA's Student Council to strengthen academic connections, create new opportunities, and enhance pathways between the two institutions. Invitations to the celebratory dinner have been sent, and we would love to have you join us. A formal signing ceremony will take place on November 14 at 1 p.m., and all are welcome to attend this milestone achievement.

This week, the ROTC program kicked off its annual food drive competition against Emory & Henry. The drive is underway, and the cadets are determined to bring home the plaque once again this year - stingers down! They are also preparing for their Veterans Day Walk, where cadets and other college community members walk one mile at the top of every hour for 24 hours in honor of our nation's veterans.

Vice Chancellor Smith and Student Member of the Board are hosting an event next week called "Cookies and Convo" that will allow students to share their concerns, ideas, and feedback directly with us and it helps when free food is involved. I plan to share updates in the report during the next meeting.

This semester, Ms. Cochran shared that she was grateful to have the privilege of attending several meaningful events, including the Benefactors Dinner and the First Lady of Virginia, Suzanne Youngkin's, Women and Girls Strength Dinner. The Benefactors Dinner was an amazing experience to see the generosity of trustees and donors and how their continued support makes so many opportunities possible for our students. The First Lady's event was equally impactful, as it highlighted the incredible work being done by women across Virginia to promote strength,

accessibility, and empowerment for women and girls. Leads me to my student highlight of someone doing just that.

Emma McReynolds, a sophomore nursing major from Coeburn, proudly represented both UVA Wise and the Commonwealth as Miss Virginia Teen USA a few weeks ago. Her dedication, grace, and leadership exemplify the excellence of character within the student body. It is inspiring to see one of our own shining so brightly on a national stage.

UVA Wise students continue to show that when passion meets purpose and a friendly rivalry, incredible things happen. Thank you for your continued support in making UVA Wise a place where students can learn, lead, and leave their mark. As always Go Cavs Go!

### Report Items:

Student Research Presentations: Gary Johnson, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs introduced the student researchers, Lucy Cunliffe, a Senior on the tennis team from Great Britain, a math major representing the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. Celeste Holmes is a theatre major from Wise, who will be talking about costumes in ballet. Celeste is very active in ProArt as a dancer and choreographer. Lucy Cunliffe presented research and conclusions on Atherosclerosis and Its Effect on Blood Flow Behavior research and conclusions. She chose this topic to prioritize patients with atherosclerosis to minimize stroke risks. The research focuses on reducing stroke risk by looking at how specific shapes of plaque build ups inside arteries affect blood flow behavior and is applied to prioritizing patients for treatment. Celeste Holmes presented research and conclusions regarding the Aesthetics of Costumes in Ballet and Movement. This involved an investigation into the relationship between a dancer or performer and their costumes. Specifically, asking questions about ballet dancers; how their costumes affect their movement, the aesthetics of their performance, and audience perception.

Strategic Engagement and Government Relations Update: Shannon Blevins, Vice Chancellor Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives and Randy Rose, Associate Vice Chancellor for Community & Economic development provided an overview of the organizational structure of the department. Regional Leadership initiatives supported by Strategic Engagement include GO Virginia, VTOP, Opportunity SWVA, Health Appalachia Institute, Appalachian Climate Collaborative, STRONG ACC and Regional Leadership Development. Randy Rose reported on some of the services provided in community and economic development include technical assistance, liaison to partners, planning facilitation, funding assistance and support and specific projects that support economic development. Region One is supported with offices in Wise at UVA Wise, in St. Paul at the Oxbow Center and in Abingdon at the Southwest VA Higher Education Center. The premier economic event provided is the Annual Economic Forum which is scheduled for May 20, 2026 that attracts over 300 participants. Entrepreneurship programs are provided such as CreatorCon conference, ECup conference and Co-starters. This is the first year of LEAD SWVA program with fourteen participants that not only build leaders but also provide community development projects that impact the region. Opportunity Appalachia and the Cumberland Forest Fund have had a total of twenty-three total real estate projects funded that represents just under \$130M total investment in the UVA Wise region. Professional programs offered for workforce professions include Effective Supervisor Training and newly developed AI training to local companies. Supporting the community includes community planning, serving on local boards, and promoting leadership such as LEAD Virginia, Norfolk Academy and the Tadler Fellows Program.

Financial Aid Update from Director: Jeff Baylor, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment introduced Mason White, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Mr. White provided an overview of the Financial Aid strategic focus areas and next steps. This included ongoing essential financial aid training and professional development for staff focusing on federal and state compliance updates. The focus areas in compliance addressed were student debt letter disclosure requirements, loan proration for graduating seniors, updating of policies for Unusual Enrollment History and Repeat coursework and updating Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements. Financial Aid awarding procedures are currently being reviewed internally to ensure continuous improvement in Title IV administration, in meeting U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Principles of Excellence requirements and adoption of tools to ensure loan and borrowing transparency for students and families. Other initiatives include additional financial literacy and education, updating website and consumer information, expanding financial aid software automation capabilities and partnering with AI-driven vendors.

College Research Update from Associate Vice Chancellor for Research: Josephine Rodriguez, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Professor of Biology shared her work experience as Program Officer with the National Science Foundation's Division of Undergraduate Education. This involved \$135M grants award portfolio, negotiating technical and financial aspects of research grants, and providing funding recommendations. Grant Programs served at NSF were Hispanic Serving Institutions (HIS); Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU), Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program(Noyce), Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE), Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM). Ms. Rodriguez's goals are to use her NSF grants experience to increase research funding for UVA Wise faculty, extend partnerships with UVA and develop research collaboration regionally and nationally. Thirteen NSF submissions are currently planned for 2026.

Report of the Chancellor:

Chancellor Henry reported the following items:

An offer has been made for the Vice Chancellor for Human Resources position. Once the background is cleared, an announcement will be made.

The UVA Wise Campaign video featuring Campaign Chairs Lewey Lee and Rhonda Perkins sharing the impact of the campaign was shown. The current endowed funds balance is now at \$192.3M due to the Bill Gatton Foundation issuing all the committed scholarship funds in November for Bicentennial match from UVA and the ability to distribute the scholarships in 2026. The match in January will bring the total to over \$200M.

The South Atlantic Athletic Conference (SAC) Commissioner, Patrick Britz is retiring in May. The Presidents Council of the SAC engaged a search firm for the new Commissioner. Chancellor Henry will be the SAC President effective July 2026.

The Fall 2025 Enrollment Analysis was reported as follows:

- Total students enrolled per census date is 2,231
- New student cohort is 551 (first time freshman is 336, first time transfers is 148 and Year in Wise is 67)
- Gender Demographics shows more females in undergraduate degree seeking and non-degree seeking categories mainly due to the teaching profession having more female students

- Top Degree Programs: Top three programs are Liberal Arts & Sciences, Business and Commerce and Social Sciences
- Athletics degree seeking students is approximately 27% of total degree seeking students
- SWVA Demographics: Total of 532 students from 15 counties and cities with 425 degree seeking coming from the three planning districts, largest enrollment is from Wise county with Scott county next
- SWVA Enrollment Growth is up from 2024 in students from SWVA
- Top Growing Counties are Wise, Russell, Smyth, Buchanan, and Lee
- UVA Wise median student debt is lowest among regional competitors, highest percentage of students graduating debt-free among peer institutions and net price most affordable among regional peers
- UVA Wise leads peer institutions with 64% Pell Grant recipients demonstrating exceptional commitment to access for economically disadvantaged students
- UVA Wise is most affordable net price in the region

The tuition and fees will be presented for consideration at the February 2026 meeting per UVA's request based on the pending outcome of the Governor's proposed budget.

The next meeting will be February 6, 2026.

There being no additional business or comments the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Mullins, Secretary