

# VCU Board of Visitors

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**May 16, 2008**

## **A Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors**

### *Minutes*

A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Friday, May 16, 2008, at 8 a.m. in the Richmond Salons located in the University Student Commons at 907 Floyd Avenue.

Present were Messrs. Rosenthal (Rector), Hurtado, Jackson, Jones, Robertson, Sherman and Snead; Drs. Bersoff, Broaddus, Romano, and Shapiro; and Mrs. Rhodes. Dr. Doswell; Messrs. Baldacci and Siegel; and Mrs. Lambert were absent. Also present were Drs. Trani, Gottfredson, Huff, Macrina, Moriarty, Retchin and Rhone; Messrs. Bennett, Bunce, Gehring, Ross and Wyeth; and Mesdames Atkinson, Balmer, Lepley, and Messmer.

The report of the President and the Rector were presented.

Dr. Trani recommended Mr. Dan Ream be appointed as the non-voting Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors with Dr. Linda Corey serving as the alternate Faculty Representative. Dr. Trani recommended Ms. Marquita Aquilar be appointed as the non-voting Staff Representative to the Board of Visitors with Ms. Delores Collier serving as the alternate Staff Representative. Dr. Trani also recommended Ms. Veronica Sikka be appointed as the non-voting Student Representative to the Board with Mr. Syed Karim serving as alternate Student Representative. On motion made and seconded, the recommendations for Faculty Representative, Staff Representative and Student Representative were approved.

The Proposed Tuition and Fees and University Budget Plan for 2008-09 had been presented at the Board of Visitors meeting held May 15, 2008. A motion to amend the proposed Tuition and Fees was made prior to adjournment of that meeting. The amendment would increase the technology fee to \$68 per student. Discussions continued on Friday, May 16, 2008, and on motion made and seconded, the proposed Tuition and Fees, as amended, and the University Budget Plan for 2008-09 were approved.

Mr. Snead reported for the Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee. The Proposal to Establish a Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Health was presented. The School of Medicine requested approval to establish a Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Health. The program will be housed in the new Department of Social and Behavioral Health and is anticipated to begin in Fall 2009. The program will be interdisciplinary, and will enhance and coordinate with existing academic programs throughout the university. Program graduates will be adept at working with colleagues in public health, medicine, and other disciplines to translate research findings into practice rapidly and to assess the impact of this knowledge transfer on the health of populations. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Proposal to Establish a Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Health.

The Proposal to Establish an Ed.D. in Leadership was presented. The School of Education requested approval to establish a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Leadership. The new program is designed for practicing leaders that possess a master's degree and licensure or endorsement in an appropriate area. As a professional practice degree, the program is designed to meet the needs of working professionals, especially those working in leadership positions in K-12 schools. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Proposal to Establish an Ed.D. in Leadership.

The Proposal to Establish an Educational Specialist Degree in Teacher Leadership (Ed.S.) was presented. The School of Education requested approval to establish an Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Teacher Leadership. The new program is designed to prepare new leaders who will focus on classroom instruction and school leadership. The Ed.S. for Teacher Leadership is designed for advanced graduate students that possess a master's degree from an accredited university, are experienced classroom teachers, and desire proficiencies that will enable the student to assume leadership roles based on considerable depths of understanding and applied competencies in their work. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the Proposal to Establish an Educational Specialist Degree in Teacher Leadership.

The Proposal to Establish a M.S. in Computer and Information Systems Security was presented. The Schools of Business and Engineering requested approval to establish a joint M.S. in Computer and Information Systems Security. The program will be housed in both the Departments of Computer Science and Information Systems and administered jointly. The blended approach to security education is unique in the Commonwealth and will address substantial education needs that are not being met currently. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Proposal to Establish a M.S. in Computer and Information Systems Security.

The Proposal to Establish a M.S. in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering was presented. The School of Engineering requested approval to establish a M.S. degree program from two existing tracks, Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering, which are both housed in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. In these two tracks, student enrollment has increased and can now support the establishment of a discipline specific degree. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the Proposal to Establish a M.S. in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering.

The Proposal to Establish a Master of Management (M.M.) was presented. The School of Business requested approval to establish a Master of Management (MM) degree program. The new program will target students graduating or recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in the liberal arts or fine arts degree programs; that lack business-related experience; and that seek to acquire general knowledge and skills needed to obtain an entry-level management position. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Proposal to Establish a Master of Management (M.M.)

The Proposal to Establish a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Transportation Planning and Analytics was presented. The College of Humanities and Sciences requests approval to establish a Post-baccalaureate graduate certificate in Transportation Planning and Analytics. The certificate program is designed to address the rapidly growing need for trained personnel in transportation policy, planning, modeling, mapping, finance, and project management. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Proposal to Establish a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Transportation Planning and Analytics.

The Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Certificate in International Social Justice Studies was presented. The College of Humanities and Sciences (School of World Studies) and the School of Social Work requested approval to establish an undergraduate certificate in International Social Justice Studies. The certificate program is designed to provide students with knowledge, skills, and experience to obtain employment nationally and internationally in a variety of social justice and social work fields. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Proposal to Establish an Undergraduate Certificate in International Social Justice Studies.

The Proposal to Change the Degree Name from Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and Geography to Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Studies was presented. The College of Humanities and Sciences requested approval to change the B.S. in Urban Studies and Geography to the B.S. in Urban and Regional Studies. The program name change from Urban Studies and Geography to Urban and Regional Studies will better reflect the program's linkages and continuity with the master's program in Urban and Regional Planning. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Proposal to Change the Degree Name from Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and Geography to Bachelor of Science in Urban and Regional Studies.

The following reports were presented for information: a Report of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, a Report on the School of Education, and the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Financial Statement Summary Fiscal Year 2008-Nine Months Ending March 31, 2008.

Mr. Jackson reported for the Audit and Compliance Committee. The Audit and Compliance Committee Charter – Annual Update was presented. Annually the Committee reviews the Charter to ensure that the document reflects the full scope of responsibilities appropriate for the Committee. Minor revisions to the Charter to reflect the new name of the Committee and to document the compliance function's support and training role were reviewed. The Audit and Compliance Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Audit and Compliance Committee Charter – Annual Update.

Dr. Broaddus reported for the External Relations Committee. The following reports were presented for information: the Government Relations and Health Policy Report, the Marketing and Media Report and the Advancement Division reports.

Mrs. Rhodes reported for the Finance, Investment and Property Committee. The Project Plans for the Cary Street Recreation Center, Monroe Park Campus were presented. The project will renovate and expand the Cary Street Gymnasium to provide consolidated recreational facilities on a single site. The facility will offer a wide range of social, recreational and fitness space to include weight and fitness rooms, four court recreational gym with an elevated jogging track, a multi-use athletic court, two racquetball courts, a natatorium, and administrative space. The estimated

construction budget is \$37,300,000 with a total budget of \$45,690,337. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Project Plans for the Cary Street Recreation Center, Monroe Park Campus.

The Lease at 730 East Broad Street was presented. The lease is for approximately 53,668 square feet of classroom and office space on the 7th – 9th floors of 730 East Broad Street (Theatre Row). The space will be used for VCU's School of Public Health (SOPH). The lease is necessary to provide essential administrative and programmatic space in a facility adjacent or close to campus to accommodate VCU's new SOPH. The SOPH, initially established and developed under the administration of the School of Medicine, will eventually be comprised of five departments. The Department of Biostatistics already occupies leased space in Theatre Row, while other existing SOPH departments are housed in three MCV Campus facilities. A consolidated location will establish a stronger presence for the School and promote efficiencies in administrative, resource, and programmatic operations. The proposed lease term is for January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2013, with two 5-year renewal options. The proposed rental rate is estimated not to exceed \$15.38/SF for the first year of the initial term. The annual rent shall escalate by three percent over the previous year's rent on the anniversary of each lease year. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the lease located at 730 East Broad Street with Mr. Jackson abstaining.

The Amendment to the 2008-2014 Six-Year Capital Plan was presented. The amendment to the Six-Year Capital Plan includes use of \$4.5 million in University funds to renovate a portion of the Theatre Row Building for use by the University's School of Public Health. The renovation of approximately 53,668 SF of classroom and office space on the 7th - 9th floors of the Theatre Row Building will provide essential administrative and programmatic space in a facility in close proximity to the MCV Campus. The renovation will consist of interior improvements to accommodate the programs and activities of the School. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Amendment to the 2008-2014 Six Year Capital Plan.

The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance, Investment and Property Committee held on February 13, 2008; an easement for 1520 East Marshall Street; an easement for the Inger and Walter Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences; and the Transfer of the Engineering School Quasi-Endowment.

The following items were presented for information: the Capital Projects Status Report; an update on ARMICS; the University Quarterly Budget Performance Report: March 31, 2008; the Annual Report on VCU Cash Management Operating Pool; and Architect Selections for VCU Ritter-Hickok Renovations and Harris Hall 4th Floor- Math and Statistical Sciences; and the notification of Contract Award for the MCV Campus Recreation Center Addition and Renovation.

Dr. Shapiro reported for the Student Affairs Committee. The following reports were presented for information: the Enrollment Report; a report of the Student Representative; report from the Standing Committee on Safety; a Housing report, and a report on Binge Drinking.

On motion made and seconded, the following Consent Agenda Action Items were approved:

### **Board of Visitors**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 14, 2008
- Minutes of a Retreat held April 17 and 18, 2008
- Resolution Regarding Faculty Salaries
- Proposed Dental Faculty Practice Earnings 2008-09

### **Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 13, 2008
- Proposal to Establish a Ph.D. in Social and Behavioral Health
- Proposal to Establish an Ed.D. in Leadership
- Proposal to Establish an Educational Specialist Degree in Teacher Leadership (Ed.S.)
- Proposal to Establish a Master of Science in Computer and Information Systems Security
- Proposal to Establish a M.S. in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering
- Proposal to Establish a Master of Management (M.M.)
- Proposal to Establish a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Transportation Planning and Analytics
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## **Audit and Compliance Committee**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 13, 2008
- Audit and Compliance Committee Charter – Annual Update

## **External Relations**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 13, 2008

## **Finance, Investment and Property Committee**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 13, 2008
- Project Plans for Cary Street Recreation Center – Monroe Park Campus
- Lease for 730 East Broad Street (with Mr. Jackson abstaining)
- Amendment to the 2008-2014 Six-Year Capital Plan
- Easement for 1520 East Marshall Street
- Easement for Inger and Walter Rice Center for Environmental Life Sciences
- Transfer of Engineering School Quasi-endowment

## **Student Affairs Committee**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 13, 2008

On motion made and seconded, the Consent Agenda Information Items were accepted.

Mr. Snead reported for the Nominating Committee for Rector. Members serving on the Committee are Messrs. Snead (chair), and Jackson, Drs. Bersoff and Shapiro; and Mrs. Rhodes. The Committee recommended Mr. Thomas G. Rosenthal be re-elected as Rector of the Board effective July 1, 2008. On motion made and seconded, the Board approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for Rector.

Mr. Rosenthal reappointed Dr. Edward Beroff and Dr. John Doswell to serve a three-year term on the VCU Health System Board of Directors effective July 1, 2008.

Mr. Rosenthal appointed the following Board members to serve on the Nominating Committee for Officers and Executive Committee: Mr. Rosenthal (Chair), Messrs. Jackson and Snead, Dr. Broaddus and Mrs. Rhodes.

On motion made and seconded, the Board convened into closed session to discuss certain personnel matters and matters relating to the appointment, promotion, performance and salaries of identifiable employees and faculty of VCU, including the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status and other Personnel Actions, Promotion and Tenure Recommendations, the VCU Clinical Faculty Salaries for the School of Medicine for 2008-2009; and to discuss the evaluation of the performance of departments or schools of VCU where such evaluations necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals and Audit Reports of individually identified departments and/or schools; and to consult with legal counsel and receive briefings from staff members regarding certain legal matters and actual or probable litigation relating to the aforementioned Audit Reports, where such consultation or briefings in open session would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating position of VCU; to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual and probable litigation, and other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice or counsel, where such consultation or briefings in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of VCU; to discuss matters relating to gifts, bequests, and fund-raising activities, including consideration of the Named Funds Report and Facility Naming Recommendations, and an update on the development activities as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A(1), A(7), and A(8) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Following closed session, on motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by roll call vote:

Virginia Commonwealth University hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University.

### **Roll call vote**

### **Ayes**

### **Nays**

Mr. Thomas G. Rosenthal, Rector X

Mr. David G. Baldacci	Absent
Dr. Edward H. Bersoff	X
Dr. J. Alfred Broaddus, Jr.	X
Dr. John C. Doswell II	Left before voting
Mr. Arthur D. Hurtado	X
Mr. Brian K. Jackson	X
Mr. Maurice A. Jones	X
Ms. Lillian L. Lambert	Absent
Mrs. Anne J. G. "Panny" Rhodes	X
Mr. Richard T. Robertson	X
Dr. Michele A. Romano	X
Dr. Carol S. Shapiro	X
Mr. John Sherman, Jr.	X
Mr. Stuart C. Siegel	Absent
Mr. Thomas G. Snead, Jr.	X

**Total votes**

Ayes: 12

Nays: 0

ABSENT DURING MEETING: 3

ABSENT DURING VOTING: 4

On motion made and seconded, the Board accepted the Report of the President; approved the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status and other Personnel Actions as amended; approved the Named Funds Report and Facility Naming Recommendations; approved the Promotion and Tenure Recommendations; approved the VCU Clinical Faculty Salaries for the School of Medicine 2008-09; accepted the Closed Session Committee Reports; and accepted the Report of the General Counsel.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.