

# VCU Board of Visitors

V i r g i n i a C o m m o n w e a l t h U n i v e r s i t y

## **May 20, 2005 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 20, 2005, at 9 a.m. in Richmond Salons 1 and 2 located in the University Student Commons at 907 Floyd Avenue.

Present were Drs. Bersoff (Rector), Broaddus, Doswell, Romano and Shapiro; Messrs. Axselle, Baldacci, Jackson, Robertson, Rosenthal, Sherman, Slater and Snead; and Mesdames Rhodes and Riddick. Mr. Thompson was absent. Also present were Drs. Trani, Andrews, Brodd, Gottfredson, Huff, Lewis, Macrina, Ream, Retchin, Rhone, and Self; Messrs. Bunce, Jez, Messplay, Ohlinger, Ross, Smith, Timmreck, and Wyeth; and Mesdames Atkinson, Balmer, Lepley and Messmer.

Dr. Bersoff called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the press. The Report of the President was presented:

Ms. Riddick and Mr. Slater, who have served on the Board for the past four years, were thanked for the service given to VCU. Guarav Agarwal was recognized for the service given as the student representative to the Board during the past year.

It was announced that Mr. Paul Timmreck, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, plans to retire from VCU in the summer of 2006. Mr. Timmreck has served as VCU's chief finance and administrative officer since joining VCU in 1996. Mr. Timmreck's office provides management and oversight of the operating functions of the University, including the budget, facilities, human resources, police and security and administrative information technology.

An Enrollment Update was presented. As of May 19, 2005, VCU has received 11,500 freshman applications, 1,900 more than 2004. The increase includes 450 more in-state applications and almost 1,500 more out-of-state applications. Based on the current number of offers accepted by freshman applicants, VCU will enroll approximately 3,500 first-time freshmen, making the enrollment the largest freshman class in VCU's history. Based on SAT scores and high school GPAs, the quality of the freshman application pool and the admitted applicants is higher. VCU expects to enroll more than 1,800 incoming undergraduate transfer students.

The 2005-06 Budget was presented. Revenues from base adequacy, tuition and fees, and indirect costs from sponsored programs are enabling significant investments in instruction, research, and support services. Compensation increases are provided for VCU faculty and staff. Instructional faculty salaries will increase an average of 4.5%; administrative and professional faculty, graduate students and part-time faculty salaries will increase an average of 4%; and classified staff will increase by 3%, plus a longevity adjustment for employees with at least five years of service — \$50 for each full year of service. Additional financial support is provided for students, with an emphasis on need-based aid and support for doctoral students. On motion made and seconded, the Board approved the 2005-06 Budget.

The 2006-2012 Six-Year Capital Plan was presented. As part of the Commonwealth's biennial budget process, the University prepares a six-year projection of capital outlay needs. The Governor evaluates the University's projected capital outlay needs and incorporates the needs into the Executive Budget for consideration by the 2006 General Assembly. The presentation included an overview of the projects included in the entire six-year plan and highlighted the projects included in the first biennium (2006-08) of the plan. Based on state agency review of the 2006-08 projects, more detailed information will be submitted to the Commonwealth later in the summer. The plan follows state guidance on requesting equipment funds for projects approved in the General Obligation Bond referendum and the 21st Century Bond Program. On motion made and seconded, the Board approved the 2006-2012 Six-Year Capital Plan as presented.

Mr. Rosenthal reported for the Academic and Health Affairs Committee. A proposal to establish a Department of African American Studies was presented. The College of Humanities and Sciences requests a change in the organizational structure so the African American Studies Program becomes the Department of African American Studies. VCU received SCHEV approval for an undergraduate B.A. in African American Studies in academic year 2002-03. The first two B.A.

degrees in African American Studies were awarded at the May 2004 graduation. A third degree was awarded during the summer of 2004. Departmental status will bring greater recognition and increase student interest. As students learn that a student can major in or hold a dual major with African American Studies, the College anticipates a steady increase in the number of majors in the discipline. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to establish a Department of African American Studies.

A proposal to establish a Department of Forensic Science was presented. The College received SCHEV approval for a new undergraduate B.S. in Forensic Science degree program in academic year 2001-02. In 2003-04, VCU received SCHEV approval to "spin-off" the forensic science track with the M.S. degree program in Criminal Justice to a M.S. degree program in Forensic Science. Currently there are 485 undergraduate majors and 26 graduate students. The graduate program is lab intensive and very selective, admitting only 12 students per academic year. Nine graduate students and 19 undergraduate students graduated in May 2004. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to establish a Department of Forensic Science.

A proposal to create a Post-baccalaureate Undergraduate Certificate in Health Sciences was presented. The certificate program is designed to provide students that have earned a baccalaureate degree an opportunity to build the credentials necessary to enter graduate professional programs in the health sciences. The proposal was formulated because a "certificate" is a standard of practice for degree holders pursuing admission into health science programs at competing institutions. The creation of a certificate program also provides a structure for the resources that VCU currently provides to adult students preparing for careers in the health professions. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to create a Post-baccalaureate Undergraduate Certificate in Health Sciences.

A proposal to create a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention was presented. The proposed Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate program in Gender Violence Intervention is designed to enable current practitioners in community agencies to acquire additional knowledge and skills in sexual and domestic violence intervention, prevention and service management/administration without necessarily pursuing a graduate degree, and provide marketable job/career skills specific in the area for graduate degree-seeking students in sociology or other graduate programs. Because the proposed certificate program involves a limited number of credit hours and includes courses that overlap with the required or identified courses as electives in other programs, the certificate may be pursued simultaneously with such programs as sociology, social work, criminal justice, public administration, social policy and urban services. At the same time, individuals seeking more limited, specialized training may pursue the certificate independently. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to create a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Gender Violence Intervention.

A proposal to create a Strategic Public Relations Track in the M.S. in Mass Communications was presented. The proposed track is intended for practicing public relations professionals to develop the knowledge and skills to function at the highest levels of management and apply sophisticated strategic thinking to accomplish organizational objectives. Patterned as an executive program for professionals that have at least two years of relevant experience and an academic background in public relations, the 30-credit program of study is taught to a cohort group of students during intensive weekend sessions over an 11-month period. The first cohort of students will enter in summer 2006. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to create a Strategic Public Relations Track in the M.S. in Mass Communications.

A proposal to create a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation Planning was presented. The proposal will provide specialized training in the techniques and processes of historic preservation and planning. The 18-credit program includes graduate courses in historic preservation, architectural history, preservation analysis and methods, building reuse, and the rules of the public and private sectors in implementing proposals. The program meshes nine credits of existing urban planning courses and nine credits of existing architectural history courses into a new professional program. The Urban and Regional Planning program and the Department of Art History offer the required courses for the certificate. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to create a Post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation Planning.

A proposal to create a Ph.D. Degree Program in Media, Art and Text was presented. The Department of English, the School of the Arts, and the School of Mass Communications request approval to create an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Media, Art, and Text. Building on nationally recognized strengths in the participating units, the proposed Ph.D. will offer an advanced interdisciplinary degree designed to answer the need for innovative, non-traditional programs in the arts and humanities, while meeting the practical, intellectual, and theoretical challenges posed by today's multimedia environment. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to create a Ph.D. Degree Program in Media, Art and Text.

A proposal to change the Photography Track in the M.F.A. in Design to the Photography Track in the M.F.A. in Fine Arts was presented. The masters-level program in photography and film is a track in the Master of Fine Arts degree program in Design. The degree designation was established when photography was part of the Department of Communication Arts and Design. A separate department in Photography and Film was established several years ago, but the photography and film program retained the M.F.A. in Design degree designation. The word "Design" for the degree causes recruitment and retention problems because "Design" inaccurately describes the program. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to change the Photography Track in the M.F.A. in Design to the Photography Track in the M.F.A. in Fine Arts.

A proposal to create a Bachelor of Science – Masters of Environmental Studies Program was presented. The proposal will enhance VCU's academic offerings by providing advanced undergraduates the opportunity to obtain the professional M.Envs. Degree in an accelerated time frame. The degree reflects the need within the environmental community for highly trained environmental professionals that may not need extensive research-oriented training. The degree will also provide an efficient method for students considering further education to prepare for the possibility by concentrating upon research-oriented electives. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to create a Bachelor of Science – Masters of Environmental Studies Program.

A proposal to create an M.S. in Information Systems Fast-track was presented. The new track will operate in parallel with the Fast-Track M.B.A. program in as many ways as possible, including modularized sessions, administration, scheduling, tuition, and budget. The new track requires foundation preparation in core business topics and information technology topics. Students lacking sufficient preparation will be required to attend one or more training sessions to remove any deficiencies. The new track requires ten courses (30 credit hours) that cover what is normally required in a master's degree program in information systems, as promoted by various professional and accrediting organizations. Courses in the program are new and roughly match courses taught in the regular M.S. in Information Systems program. Relative to the existing M.S. in Information Systems program, there will be more emphasis throughout on the managerial aspects of information systems, rather than the technical aspects. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to create an M.S. in Information Systems Fast-track.

A proposal to change the name of the Department of Chemical Engineering to the Department of Chemical and Life Science Engineering and change the B. S. Degree in Chemical Engineering to the B.S. Degree in Chemical and Life Science Engineering was presented. The proposed department and program name, "Chemical and Life Science Engineering," more accurately reflects current and planned educational and research components of the department. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal to change the Name of the Department of Chemical Engineering to the Department of Chemical and Life Science Engineering and change the B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering to the B.S. Degree in Chemical and Life Science Engineering.

A proposal for a Dual Degree Program: M.P.H. – M.S. Degree in Nursing (Community Health Nursing) was presented. The program is designed to prepare students with skills, knowledge and competencies necessary to conduct needs assessment of populations; perform program planning and evaluation; to understand the effects of contemporary issues and health policies on the public's health; and provide care and services in order to prevent disease and promote and preserve the health of populations. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal for a Dual Degree Program: M.P.H. – M.S. Degree in Nursing (Community Health Nursing).

A proposal for a Dual Degree Program: M.H.A.-J.D. was presented. The purpose of the proposal is to add a new partner, Washington and Lee University School of Law, to the existing dual degree program between VCU and the University of Richmond. The expanded program will lead to an award of both the Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.) degree from VCU and the Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from Washington and Lee following the satisfactory completion of four and one-half years of study. Students in the program will have the advantage of combining a three-year law degree plus a three-year M.H.A. degree into four and one-half years of study. The Academic and Health Affairs Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal for a Dual Degree Program: Masters of Health Administration from VCU – Juris Doctor from Washington and Lee.

A proposal to establish new Departments in the School of Public Health: the Department of Behavioral Science and Health Promotion, the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, and the Department of Public Health Management and Policy was presented. The purpose of the proposal is to request the establishment of three new academic departments as part of VCU's School of Public Health effective July 1, 2005. The proposal involves an organizational change permitting the addition of the three new departments. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Proposal to Establish New Departments in the School of Public Health: the Department of Behavioral Science and Health Promotion, the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, and the Department of Public Health Management and Policy.

A proposal for the Dual Degree Program: M.P.H. – Pharm.D. was presented. Virginia Commonwealth University has offered the Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) and the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degrees. In response to requests by practitioners and students, the School of Pharmacy and the School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and Community Health is proposing a dual degree program in Pharmacy and in Public Health (Pharm.D.– M.P.H.) with a focus in population and community-based practice. The program is designed to prepare pharmacists for careers that require expertise in both public health and advanced community pharmacy practices. Students enrolled in the dual degree program can earn both degrees in five years of full-time study. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal for the Dual Degree Program: M.P.H. – Pharm.D.

A proposal for a Dual Degree Program: M.S. in Genetic Counseling and Ph.D. in Human Genetics was presented. VCU has offered a Ph.D. in Human Genetics and Master of Science in Genetic Counseling for a number of years. The Ph.D. – Master of Science dual degree program is designed to prepare genetic counselors for careers that require strong clinical and counseling skills and the ability to carry out independent clinical research. The combined program will streamline the process for students interested in pursuing dual degrees. Students in the program will have the advantage of combining a two-year genetic counseling degree and a five-year Ph.D. degree into six years. The Academic and Health Affairs Policy Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the proposal for a Dual Degree Program: M.S. in Genetic Counseling and Ph.D. in Human Genetics.

The following items were presented for information: renewal of Sole Source Contract: Educational Services from Inova Health Care Services; a report on the School of Social Work; Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Financial Statement Summary Fiscal Year 2005 – Eight Months Ending February 28, 2005; and a report of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Doswell reported for the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee Charter and Meeting Planner – Annual Update was presented for information.

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

Mr. Slater reported for the Finance, Investment and Property Committee. The Architect Engineer Selection for the James W. Black Music Center Renovation was presented. The project will renovate selected areas of the existing building and demolish the existing addition to allow construction of a new addition that will accommodate the Department of Music's instructional, rehearsal, and office needs. The construction budget is \$2,600,000, with a total budget of \$3,507,000. The recommended firm is Hanbury, Evans, Wright, Valattas + Company. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Architect Engineer Selection for the James W. Black Music Center Renovation.

The Architect Engineer Selection for the Franklin Terrace Renovation was presented. The project will renovate the four-story, 30,700 GSF Franklin Terrace building into instructional, office, and studio space for the School of the Arts. The project will comprehensively renovate the inadequate mechanical and electrical systems, add toilet facilities to correct building code deficiencies, and provide interior architectural renovations that enhance functionality. The construction budget is \$2,595,021 with a total budget of \$3,660,000. The firm recommended is Little Diversified Architectural Consulting. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Architect Engineer Selection for the Franklin Terrace Renovation.

The Architect/Engineer Selection for the Monroe Park Campus Addition Parking Deck and Student Housing was presented. The project, located in the block bordered by Cary, Canal, Jefferson, and Belvidere Streets, will add an 800-car parking deck for students, faculty, and staff. The majority of the parking deck will be underground with student housing and retail space above the deck. The parking deck will be complete when the School of Engineering and School of Business open in fall 2007 and will ultimately serve the entire Monroe Park Campus Addition. The housing component will be completed one year later. The design will be compatible with architecture in the immediate vicinity and consistent with the VCU 2020 Master Site Plan. The construction budget for the parking deck is \$11,617,000, with a total budget of \$14,000,000. The construction budget for the housing component is \$17,000,000, with a total budget of \$20,713,000. The recommended firm is Baskervill. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Architect/Engineer Selection for the Monroe Park Campus Addition Parking Deck and Student Housing.

The project plans and proposed change in the project budget for the 8th Street Parking Deck were presented. The project will add 1,000 spaces to the MCV Campus parking inventory to serve students, faculty, and staff. At six levels and 328,000 GSF, the new deck will help resolve the parking shortfall on the MCV Campus. The original construction budget is \$11,233,000, with a total budget of \$13,200,000. During the soil boring and testing phase, a deep ravine on what is now

the 8th Street Deck site was discovered. Further investigation revealed that early in the 1900s, the site was filled with debris and unsuitable soil material, and the material will not support the weight of the deck as originally designed. The solution for building on the site is to install an extensive caisson foundation system to offset the poor soils. The design change increases the total project budget to \$17,900,000. On motion made and seconded, the Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the addition of 1,000 parking spaces to the MCV Campus parking inventory and authorization for the University to take steps necessary to identify appropriate fund sources and to seek state approval to infuse \$4.7 million into the project budget.

Project plans for the Hibbs Building Renovation were presented. The Hibbs Building has been a workhorse academic and dining facility since construction in two phases in 1962 and 1968. In response to the building's antiquated state, two separate projects were planned to transform the Hibbs Building into an up-to-date and functional teaching facility. The first project included modernization of the classrooms. The second project improved major building systems and renovated space vacated by Dining Services when Dining Services moved into the new Shafer Court Dining Facility. The renovation combines the two projects for a comprehensive modernization of the Hibbs Building. The construction budget is \$7,485,000, with a total budget of \$10,622,000. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the project plans for the Hibbs Building Renovation.

Project plans for the Hunton Hall Renovation were presented. The MCV Campus student body has a need for better and more varied space to accommodate certain student services functions, including a learning resource center. The project will renovate 24,991 GSF of space in Hunton Hall for use as a student services and learning resource center in response to the needs articulated by the student representatives in meetings and surveys. The project includes the replacement or upgrade of antiquated building systems; compliance with accessibility requirements and building codes; renovation of food services space; and creation of a student lounge, computer stations, research and study space, meeting and group study rooms, offices, and related support space. All students on the MCV Campus will be able to take advantage of the proposed renovation of Hunton Hall. The construction budget is \$3,500,000, with a total budget of \$5,000,000. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the project plans for the Hunton Hall Renovation.

Project plans for the School of Nursing were presented. The project is a new four-story, 70,000 GSF structure that will relocate the VCU School of Nursing from the current quarters in the Nursing Education Building on Broad Street, to a modern, state-of-the-art teaching and research facility north of Leigh Street. The existing Nursing Education Building will be demolished to make way for Medical Sciences Building II in response to the University's growing research program. The construction budget is \$12,600,000, with a total budget of \$16,929,000. On motion made and seconded, the Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Project Plans for the School of Nursing.

Project plans for Sanger Hall Laboratory Renovations, Project 2: Building Systems Upgrade were presented. As the University continues to compete for National Institute of Health (NIH) research grants and construction renovation grants, the University must upgrade building systems to meet federal laboratory standards. The project upgrades the mechanical ventilation system in areas of Sanger Hall designated for future research laboratories. The construction budget is \$1,700,000, with a total budget of \$2,285,000. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the project plans for Sanger Hall Laboratory Renovations, Project 2: Building Systems Upgrade.

The lease for 817 West Broad Street was presented. The lease is for 4,000 square feet of space to house VCU Student Media. VCU currently occupies space in the T. Edward Temple Building located at 901 West Main Street. Mass Communications and Chemistry require additional room for expansion. Student Media has been informed of the need to relocate. The proposed lease term is from June 1, 2005, to May 31, 2010, plus automatic one-year renewal options. The rental rate for the initial five-year term is \$244,220, plus \$79,849 for expenses, with the first year of the term being \$46,000. The rent will escalate three percent annually. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the lease for 817 West Broad Street.

The lease for 1015 Floyd Avenue was presented. The lease is for a 925 square foot equipment shelter and antenna on the roof of 1015 Floyd Avenue to Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Incorporated (Nextel). Nextel will erect, maintain, and operate a radio communications facility, including, without limitation, an air-conditioned equipment room in the building, utility and transmission lines, electronic equipment, radio transmitting and receiving antenna, and supporting equipment and structures. Nextel will lease the site from the owner for a five-year initial term, with five-year renewals after the initial term of the lease. The rental rate is \$125,000 for the initial term of the lease. The Finance, Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the lease for 1015 Floyd Avenue.

The Fiscal Requirements for the Schools of Business and Engineering were presented. These fiscal requirements address the amount of gifts and pledges necessary before issuing University debt for the property. The Finance,

Investment and Property Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Fiscal Requirements for the Schools of Business and Engineering.

The following items were presented for information: Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Financial Statement Summary Fiscal Year 2005 – Eight Months Ending February 28, 2005; University Quarterly Budget Performance Report: March 31, 2005; the Annual Report: VCU Cash Management Operating Pool; the Architect Engineer Selection for VCU Police Renovations – Grace Street; the Notification of Contract Award for West Hospital Improvements - Nurse Anesthesia Renovations; the Project Plans for Sanger Hall Emergency Power Distribution; and the Capital Projects Status Report.

Ms. Riddick reported for the Student Affairs Committee. The Student Representation to the Board of Visitors was presented. Three options for student representation were considered. The committee suggested the current system of student representation to the Board (Option 2), except changing the source of student representation, and providing that the selection committee be appointed by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. The President will recommend one graduate/professional student and one undergraduate student to serve as either the student representative or the alternate from lists submitted by a selection committee that would include representation from the student governments on each campus of the University. The student representative and the alternate student representative to the Board of Visitors will be appointed for a one-year term effective July 1 of each year. The student representative and the alternate student representative will be nonvoting representative(s) and will not be allowed to attend closed sessions of the Board; and the student representative and the alternate student representative to the Board of Visitors will serve as nonvoting representatives to the Student Affairs Committee of the Board. The student representative and the alternate student representative will not serve as a representative to any other Board Committee. The alternate student representative will not have official status, but will be invited to attend full Board meetings and the Student Affairs committee meetings with voice but no vote. The Student Affairs Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Student Representation to the Board of Visitors as presented. An overview of Student Affairs and Student Campus Activities and an Enrollment Report were presented for information.

The policy Authorizing Certain University Officers and Employees to Execute Contracts and Other Documents – Revisions was presented. On motion made and seconded, the policy Authorizing Certain University Officers and Employees to Execute Contracts and Other Documents was approved as amended.

Mr. Axselle reported for the Nominating Committee for Rector. Members of the committee are Mr. Axselle, Chair, Dr. Romano, Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Slater. The committee recommended Dr. Edward H. Bersoff be re-elected as Rector of the Board effective July 1, 2005. On motion made and seconded, the Board approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for Rector.

Dr. Bersoff appointed the following members of the Board to serve on the Nominating Committee for Officers and Executive Committee: Dr. Bersoff, Chair, Drs. Doswell and Romano, and Mr. Jackson.

Dr. Bersoff appointed the following members of the Board of Visitors to serve on the VCU Health System Board of Directors: Dr. Bersoff to succeed himself for a three-year term effective July 1, 2005 and Dr. Doswell to succeed himself for a three-year term effective July 1, 2005.

Dr. Trani recommended Judith Lewis be reappointed as the non-voting Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors effective July 1, 2005, and Kathryn Murphy-Judy be appointed as the alternate non-voting Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors effective July 1, 2005.

On motion made and seconded, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda Action Items as amended.

### **Board of Visitors**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 24, 2005
- Minutes of a Retreat held April 14, 2005
- Minutes of a Retreat held April 15, 2005
- Resolution Regarding Faculty Salaries
- Proposed Dental Faculty Practice Earnings Increase 2005-06

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

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 23, 2005
- Proposal to Establish a Department of African American Studies
- Proposal to Establish a Department of Forensic Science

- Proposal to Create a Post-baccalaureate Undergraduate Certificate in Health Sciences
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- Proposal for a Dual Degree Program: M.S. in Genetic Counseling and Ph.D. in Human Genetics

#### **Audit Committee**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 24, 2005

#### **Executive Committee**

- Minutes of a Meeting held April 22, 2005
- Minutes of a Meeting held April 25, 2005

#### **External Relations**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 23, 2005
- Minute of a Meeting held February 24, 2005

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

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 23, 2005
- Architect Engineer Selection for the James W. Black Music Center Renovations
- Architect Engineer Selection for the Franklin Terrace Renovations
- Architect Engineer Selection for the Monroe Park Campus Addition
- Parking Deck and Student Housing
- Project Plans for the 8th Street Parking Deck
- Project Plans for the Hibbs Building Renovations
- Project Plans for the Hunton Hall Renovations
- Project Plans for the School of Nursing
- Project Plans for Sanger Hall Laboratory Renovations – Project 2: Building Systems Upgrade
- Lease for 817 West Broad Street
- Lease for 1015 Floyd Avenue
- Fiscal Requirements for Schools of Business and Engineering

#### **Student Affairs Committee**

- Minutes of a Meeting held February 23, 2005
- Student Representation to the Board of Visitors

On motion made and seconded, the Board accepted the Consent Agenda Information items.

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 2005-2006; and to discuss the evaluation of performance of departments or schools of VCU where such evaluations necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals, including 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 discuss the acquisition or use of real property for public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of VCU, including the acquisition of property on or adjacent to the Monroe Park Campus Addition; and 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 briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of VCU; to discuss matters relating to gifts, bequests, and fundraising 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(3), 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.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nays</b>
Dr. W. Baxter Perkinson, Jr., Rector	X	
Mr. Ralph L. "Bill" Axselle, Jr.	X	
Mr. David G. Baldacci	X	
Dr. J. Alfred Broaddus Jr.	X	
Dr. John C. Doswell II	X	
Mr. Brian K. Jackson	X	
Mrs. Anne J. G. "Panny" Rhodes	X	
Ms. E. Janet Riddick	X	
Mr. Richard T. Robertson	X	
Dr. Michele A. Romano	X	
Mr. Thomas G. Rosenthal	X	
Dr. Carol S. Shapiro	X	
Mr. John Sherman Jr.	X	
Mr. G. Bryan Slater	X	
Mr. Thomas G. Snead Jr.	X	
Mr. Philip Thompson, Sr.	Absent	

**Total votes**

Ayes: 15

Nays: 0

ABSENT DURING MEETING: 1

ABSENT DURING VOTING: 1

On motion made and seconded, the Board approved the Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status and other Personnel Actions as amended; accepted the Report of the President; 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 2005-06; approved the Acquisition of Property Adjacent to the Monroe Park Campus Addition; accepted the Closed Session Committee Reports; accepted the Report of the General Counsel; and approved the extension of the President Trani's contract through June 30, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.