



**Virginia Commonwealth University
Special Awards Committee of the Board of Visitors**

Minutes

Date: February 5, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location: 910 West Franklin Street, Conference Room

Present: Dr. Michael Rao, Chair
Mr. William M. Ginther, Rector
Mr. Michael D. Fraizer
Mrs. Kay Cole James
Ms. Teresa H. Carlson (by phone)
Ms. Nancy Everett
Dr. Beverly Warren
Dr. Quincy Byrdsong
Mr. David Fauri
Ms. Takeya McLaurin
Mr. Brendon Hood
Ms. Shayla Betts
Mr. Brian D. Shaw
Ms. Laurie Carter
Ms. Carol Nixon

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. Rao and Mr. Ginther and on motion made and seconded, the Committee convened into closed session to discuss matters relating to honorary degrees and special awards as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 A(10) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

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

The Special Awards Committee of the Board of Visitors of 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 Special Awards Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University.

| <u>Roll Call Vote</u> | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> |
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| Mr. William M. Ginther, Rector | X | |
| Mr. Michael D. Fraizer | X | |
| Mrs. Kay Cole James | X | |
| Ms. Teresa H. Carlson (by phone) | X | |
| Ms. Nancy C. Everett | X | |

Vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

ABSENT DURING MEETING: 0

ABSENT DURING VOTING: 0

On motion made and seconded, the Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board of Visitors the approval of the agreed upon nominations for the Presidential Medallions, Edward A. Wayne Medals, Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degree recipients.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.