

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS**

**Meeting of the Academic and
Student Life Committee**

December 6, 2018

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 6, 2018

2:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Upper West Oval Room, The Rotunda

Committee Members:

Barbara J. Fried, Chair

Elizabeth M. Cranwell, Vice Chair

Thomas A. DePasquale

John A. Griffin

Tammy S. Murphy

Jeffrey C. Walker

Frank M. Conner III, Ex-officio

Brendan T. Nigro, Student Member

Margaret F. Riley, Faculty Member

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AGENDA ITEM: I. Remarks by Committee Chair

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The Chair will provide an overview of the agenda.

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
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II. CONVERTING THE JOHN A. EWALD, JR. DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW TO THE JOHN A. EWALD JR. RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW

The John A. Ewald, Jr. Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Law was established in 1981 with a gift from John Ewald, Sr. and Emme Ewald in honor and memory of their son, a 1953 alumnus of the UVA Law School. The donors' intent was to support the Law School's efforts to attract and retain eminent scholars, which at the time included bringing external scholars to the Law School as visiting professors. Since the John A. Ewald, Jr. Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Law was established, however, the visiting scholars model in legal education and faculty recruitment has changed significantly and the professorship's visiting status has limited the Law School's ability to fill the chair.

Research professorships, which provide summer support for the Law School's most productive scholars, have become a more critical component of the Law School's efforts to recruit and retain top faculty. The Law School believes the conversion of the professorship's status from visiting to research would allow the Law School to use the gift in a manner consistent with the donors' original intent. Ms. Jane Tolleson, the widow of John Ewald, Jr. and a 1955 alumna of the Law School, has made significant contributions to the professorship as well and fully supports this change.

In October 2018, University Counsel and Counsel for the UVA Law School Foundation submitted a petition to the Circuit Court of Albemarle County requesting permission to convert the John A. Ewald, Jr. Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Law to a research professorship. The Court subsequently granted the petition.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Academic and Student Life Committee and by the Board of Visitors

CONVERTING THE JOHN A. EWALD, JR. DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW TO THE JOHN A. EWALD JR. RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW

WHEREAS, the John A. Ewald, Jr. Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Law was established in 1981 with a gift from John Ewald Sr. and Emme Ewald in honor and memory of their son, a 1953 alumnus of the UVA Law School, with the intent to support the Law School's efforts to attract and retain eminent scholars; and

WHEREAS, converting this professorship to a research professorship would enable the Law School to use the gift more consistently according to the donors' intent; and

WHEREAS, Jane Tolleson, a 1955 Law School alumna who is the widow of John Ewald Jr. and also a donor to the professorship, supports such a modification of the professorship; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court of Albemarle County has granted the petition of the University and the Law School Foundation to effect this change;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors approves the conversion of the John A. Ewald, Jr. Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Law to the John A. Ewald Jr. Research Professorship in Law.

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AGENDA ITEM: III. Establishment of the Honorable Albert V. Bryan Jr.
Professorship in Law

BACKGROUND: This professorship was created to honor the Honorable Albert V. Bryan Jr., a member of the School of Law Class of 1950. Judge Bryan was born on November 8, 1926 in Alexandria, Virginia. He is an inactive Senior District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Judge Bryan's father, Albert Vickers Bryan, was also a federal judge, a member of the Law School Class of 1921, and a former rector of the University. Mr. Bryan Sr. passed away in 1984.

Albert V. Bryan Jr. served in the United States Marine Corps reserve from 1944 to 1946, and took a law degree in 1950. He was in private practice in Alexandria from 1950 to 1962, and was a judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit of Virginia from 1962 to 1971. Bryan was nominated by President Richard Nixon in 1971 to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. He served as Chief Judge from 1985 until 1991, when he assumed senior status.

DISCUSSION: The funding for this professorship began in December 1998, when Charles H. "Buzz" Smith '74 (in celebration of his 25th Law Reunion) made a leadership gift to create an endowed fund in honor of Judge Bryan for whom he clerked after law school. Mr. Smith has been a loyal donor to the Law School with 42 years of giving, 24 of them consecutively.

Mr. Smith, president of Blue Ridge Advisors LLC, a private equity advisory firm, has had a long association with healthcare. In 1982, he joined the board of Alexandria Hospital and later served as chairman of its parent, the Alexandria Health Services Corporation. In 2009, Inova Health System named Mr. Smith Chairman of the Inova Health Care Services Board of Trustees for the 2009 governance year.

Mr. Smith has been chief executive officer of Potomac Partners, Inc. and executive vice president of West*Group, a Northern Virginia development company. He subsequently left West*Group to form Blue Ridge Advisors.

He has been active in other community and educational organizations, including Goodwin House Incorporated, a charitable corporation developing and operating life-care facilities for the aging.

Mr. Smith has served as vice chairman of the Industrial Development Authority for the City of Alexandria and as a director on the Board of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. He was a founding director of the Bank of Alexandria, now part of BB&T Bank, and he served as a director on the Alexandria Economic Development and Tourism Board and the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Smith is a Life Member of the Law School's Dean's Council, and a member of the University's Lawn Society. Mr. Smith lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife, Karen Kostyal. They have one son, Will.

The purpose of this endowed fund is to create a research professorship in the name of Judge Bryan at the School of Law. Research professorships provide significant summer support for the Law School's most productive scholars and are usually held for three-year terms. Appointments are not based on seniority but on scholarly productivity and contribution to the institution. Accordingly, research professorships provide a flexible and meaningful way to recognize, reward, and encourage leading faculty.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Academic and Student Life Committee and by the Board of Visitors

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONORABLE ALBERT V. BRYAN JR. PROFESSORSHIP IN LAW

WHEREAS, the Honorable Albert V. Bryan Jr., a member of the School of Law Class of 1950, is an inactive Senior District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Charles H. "Buzz" Smith '74, in celebration of his 25th Law Reunion, made a leadership gift to create an endowed fund in honor of Judge Bryan, for whom he clerked after law school; and

WHEREAS, the endowed fund is for a research professorship at the School of Law. Research professorships provide significant summer support for the Law School's most productive scholars and are usually held for three-year terms;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes The Honorable Albert V. Bryan Jr. ' 50 Research Professorship in Law; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board of Visitors, the University, and the School of Law express their deep gratitude for the generosity of all the donors to this research professorship, particularly Charles H. "Buzz" Smith; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board of Visitors thanks Judge Bryan for his service to the University and the nation, and congratulates him on this honor.

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AGENDA ITEM: IV. Executive Vice President and Provost Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Provost Katsouleas will make brief remarks regarding recent noteworthy events and accomplishments and will review the 2018 Provost's Dashboard.

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AGENDA ITEM: V. Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Vice President Lampkin will make brief remarks regarding recent accomplishments.

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AGENDA ITEM: VI. Research Reports

ACTION REQUIRED: None

- A. REPORT ON ENHANCING RESEARCH:** Mr. Ramasubramanian will give a brief report on the roll-out of the 3Cavaliers program, research computing, and data governance. He will highlight his vision for the future where UVA creates a usable interdisciplinary research space for cutting-edge, large-scale, funded centers and institutes, as well as an incubation space for small, short-term interdisciplinary collaborations.
- B. RESEARCHER PERSPECTIVE:** Mr. Olivier Pfister is Professor, Experimental Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics, Experimental Quantum Information in the Graduate College of Arts & Sciences. His research focuses on experimental quantum optics and quantum information. The quantum nature of light (the existence of photons) is a fascinating subject which has turned into a mature experimental field since its inception in the eighties. The research by Pfister's group, "Quantum Fields and Quantum Information" (QFQI), aims at blazing new trails into the realm of quantum information. In particular, QFQI and their theory collaborators, Nicolas Menicucci and Steven Flammia at the University of Sydney, discovered a new, highly scalable experimental paradigm for the implementation of quantum computing: building a quantum register out of the multitude of resonant fields ("Qmodes") of a single optical cavity. The QFQI group and collaborators have achieved the preliminary step of "quantum computing over the optical frequency comb" (or "over the rainbow"...) by demonstrating, in the lab, the quantum correlations necessary for quantum computing, known as cluster-state entanglement, in 60 "qumodes," the continuous-variable analogue of qubits (quantum bits). This size is only bounded by current measurement limitations and Pfister and his group expect the actual size of the cluster state to be several thousands of qumodes. Work is now underway toward the creation of even larger cluster entangled states and their use for nontrivial quantum processing.

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AGENDA ITEM: VII.A. New Arts & Sciences Curriculum and Other Pedagogical Initiatives

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Dean Baucom will provide an update on the pilot of the College's new curriculum (now in its second year) together with a discussion of other pedagogical initiatives—including new global programs for undergraduates, as well as curricular innovations focused on STEM.

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<u>AGENDA ITEM:</u>	VII.B. Student Panel Discussion on Opportunities for Improving the Second Year Experience
<u>ACTION REQUIRED:</u>	None

BACKGROUND: The Meriwether Lewis Institute for Citizen Leadership was launched in fall 2014 by the Office of the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer. The Lewis Institute is envisioned as a means to equip students to break new ground through citizen leadership. Each year, 25 first-year students are selected to become Fellows in the fall of their second year. Incorporating academic, experiential, and applied learning elements, the program includes a School of Architecture course on “Foundations in Design Thinking” for Fellows in the second-year spring semester. Subsequent components include a six-week summer leadership institute, a Batten School “Leadership in Practice” seminar in the third-year spring semester, and ongoing work to improve the University in their fourth years.

DISCUSSION: A student team from the Meriwether Lewis Institute for Citizen Leadership (MLI) will discuss insights and opportunities for improving the University’s second-year experience. In terms of both academics and personal development, the second year presents an important time for undergraduates, bridging an introduction to college life with a deepening discovery of interests, more challenging studies, and potential exploration of career paths. The 2020 MLI cohort has adopted the second-year experience as their study project for the coming year.

The student-presenters, all in their third year, include Kaitlyn Diaz, from Manassas, Virginia, majoring in Youth and Social Innovation in the Curry School of Education; Blake Hesson, Purcellville, Virginia, Global Development Studies and French, College of Arts & Sciences; Joe Reeves, South Riding, Virginia, Government (intended), College of Arts & Sciences; Helen Roddey, Richmond, Virginia, Leadership and Public Policy and Media Studies, Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and the College of Arts & Sciences; and Devin Willis, Fredericksburg, Virginia, Political and Social Thought, College of Arts & Sciences.

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AGENDA ITEM: VIII. Student Comment Period

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Mr. Nigro to introduce Mr. Ashwanth Samuel. Mr. Samuel will discuss access for low-income students to the Greek system. Mr. Samuel will speak to the issues facing the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) as well as the other three Greek councils: Inter-Sorority Council (ISC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). He will build off the discussion of the last Student Comment Period in which Ms. Francesca Callicotte spoke to the barriers of entry for low-income students into the Greek system. Mr. Samuel will also, time permitting and with Board interest, address other issues existing in the Greek community at UVA including student safety, diversity and inclusion, and philanthropic impact.

Mr. Ashwanth Samuel is a Master's student in the Data Science Institute, Class of 2018 graduate from the College, member of Phi Delta Theta, and President of the Inter-Fraternity Council at UVA.