

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS**

**Meeting of the Committee on
The University of Virginia's
College at Wise**

June 7, 2018

**COMMITTEE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF
VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE**

**Thursday, June 7, 2018
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda**

Committee Members:

John G. Macfarlane III, Chair
Whittington W. Clement
Elizabeth M. Cranwell
Thomas A. DePasquale
Maurice A. Jones
Frank M. Conner III, Ex-officio
Brendan T. Nigro
Matthew S. Harvey, Faculty Consulting Member

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AGENDA ITEM: I. Remarks by Committee Chair

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Mr. John Macfarlane, the Committee Chair, will make opening remarks.

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AGENDA ITEM: II.A. Appointments and Reappointments to The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

DISCUSSION: The University of Virginia's College at Wise has a local advisory board appointed by the Board of Visitors.

The UVA-Wise Board Nominating Committee recommends the following persons for appointment or reappointment to the College Board for terms ending June 30, 2022:

- Michael L. Allen (reappointment) – Mr. Allen is a native of Wise County and a 1981 graduate of The University of Virginia's College at Wise. He also attended the United Fidelity and Guaranty Insurance School. He currently serves as agency president of SouthWest Insurance Agency. He has served as a member of the Wise County Education Foundation and The University of Virginia's College at Wise Foundation Board. He is active in the life of the College.
- Marvin W. Gilliam Jr. (reappointment) – Mr. Gilliam of Bristol, VA is a former executive of Cumberland Resources Corporation in Abingdon. He served on the Board of Visitors from 2010-2014 and has maintained strong ties to the University, his alma mater, and to UVA-Wise. His family's relationship with UVA-Wise began 60 years ago when his mother, Betty, joined the Clinch Valley College faculty as its first art professor. Mr. Gilliam also serves on the College's Foundation and Alumni Association Boards.
- Joseph Frank Smiddy (reappointment) – Dr. Smiddy is a graduate of The University of Virginia's College at Wise, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia. He has served as the chief of staff at the Holston Valley Hospital and Medical Center in Kingsport, Tennessee. Dr. Smiddy has a strong commitment and dedication to the College. A pulmonologist, Dr. Smiddy started working 18 years ago with The Health Wagon, a nonprofit, mobile health unit providing service to residents of Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee who cannot afford health care.
- James Michael Thomas (reappointment) – Mr. Thomas is president and director of Greater Wise, Inc. and Humphreys Enterprises, as well as an executive of Red River Coal Company. He is a highly regarded businessman and is involved in many civic organizations. He was instrumental in establishing and funding the

Jim N. Humphreys Tennis Complex at The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

- Dawneda F. Williams (reappointment) – Ms. Williams is a native of Grundy. She earned a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina and an M.A. degree from the University of Virginia. She has been a member and president of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Foundation Board and was co-chair of the College's 50th Anniversary Coordinating Committee. She is a long-term supporter of The University of Virginia's College at Wise.
- James M. Gott (new appointment) – Mr. Gott is a 1972 graduate of The University of Virginia's College at Wise and previously served on the College Board from 1999-2011. He chaired the College Board from 2003-2011, working with Chancellors Kaplan, Ern, and Prior. Mr. Gott served as a tri-chair of the College's first capital campaign and also served on the steering committee for the Fulfilling the Dream Campaign which exceeded its stated goals.
- Fran G. Hunt (new appointment) – Mr. Hunt graduated from The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 1980 with a degree in Business & Public Administration. He is President of Hunt Commercial Properties Group, Inc. in Newport News traveling throughout the southeastern states working on business-related endeavors. Mr. Hunt is a member of the UVA-Wise Foundation Board and the UVA-Wise Alumni Association Board of Directors. He is President of the Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Chapter and was instrumental in establishing the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity Hawpe-Donathan Alumni Scholarship. He was named UVA-Wise Volunteer of the Year in 2015.
- Joseph R. Carico (new appointment as alumni representative) – Mr. Carico graduated from The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 1995 after serving in the U.S. Army. He obtained his Juris Doctorate degree in 1998 from Samford University. In 1999, he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Wise County and the City of Norton. He served as Commonwealth's Attorney until he was appointed Virginia's Chief Deputy Attorney General by Jerry Kilgore. He then served as a General District and as a Circuit Court Judge in Wise County. Mr. Carico currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society. He has been a member of the UVA-Wise Alumni Association Board of Directors for more than 10 years and currently serves as Vice-President.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise and by the Board of Visitors

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

RESOLVED, Mr. Michael L. Allen, Mr. Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Dr. Joseph Frank Smiddy, Mr. James Michael Thomas, and Ms. Dawneda F. Williams are reappointed to The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board for four-year terms ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the UVA-Wise College Board bylaws; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, Mr. James M. Gott, Mr. Fran G. Hunt, and Mr. Joseph R. Carico are appointed to The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board for four-year terms ending June 30, 2022, in accordance with the UVA-Wise College Board bylaws.

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AGENDA ITEM: II.B. Commending Resolution for Matthew S. Harvey

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: Mr. Matthew S. Harvey, a professor of mathematics at The University of Virginia's College at Wise, became the faculty consulting representative to the Board of Visitors Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise on July 1, 2016, for a term ending June 30, 2018. During his term, Mr. Harvey reported on academic initiatives and issues at the College from the perspective of the faculty.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise and by the Board of Visitors

COMMENDING RESOLUTION FOR MATTHEW S. HARVEY

WHEREAS, Matthew S. Harvey, Ph.D., is a graduate of the University of Virginia and an Echols Scholar, and received his doctorate in mathematics from Johns Hopkins University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey is a professor of mathematics at The University of Virginia's College at Wise; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey became the faculty consulting representative to the Board of Visitors Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise on July 1, 2016, for a term ending June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey is a dedicated teacher and an accomplished scholar having recently published *Geometry Illuminated: An Illustrated Introduction to Euclidean and Hyperbolic Plane Geometry* through the Mathematical Association of America press; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harvey has assisted Visitors in understanding the perspectives of the College's students, faculty, and staff;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors offers its thanks and appreciation to Matthew S. Harvey for representing the students, faculty, and staff at the College at Wise before the Board of Visitors Committee on The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

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AGENDA ITEM: III.A. Report of the Chancellor

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION:

Committee on UVA-Wise Workplan

Ms. Henry will report on progress implementing the UVA-Wise Workplan. Special emphasis will be placed on enrollment and admissions forecasts for fall 2018. Ms. Henry will also provide a report on joint projects between the University and the College at Wise including a recent safety and security consultation arranged by the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

UVA-Wise Master of Arts in Teaching

The College at Wise proposes initiating its first graduate degree, a Master’s degree in Teaching. Graduate prepared teachers earn more, have greater potential for career advancement, produce better-educated students, and through their presence help advance the wellbeing of the region. A UVA-Wise Master’s program in teaching will promote these benefits while providing teachers with an affordable graduate school option. This initiative represents a substantial change and will require approval from the State Council for Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and the Virginia Department of Education. This item will be presented as a consent agenda item in the Academic and Student Life Committee.

At this time, it is not anticipated that the College’s mission statement will need to be revised. The College at Wise has consulted with SCHEV and SACSCOC on this matter and will continue to seek guidance from the two bodies.

The mission statement currently reads:

“The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, a public liberal arts institution, provides students with learning experiences that offer opportunities to develop the insight, competence, sensitivity, and integrity necessary for living enriched lives and for enriching the lives of others. Established in 1954 as a college of the University of Virginia, it is guided by the values of citizenship and altruism. Proud of its Appalachian heritage, the College continues to honor its commitment of service to Southwest Virginia, the nation, and the world. The College is guided by a legacy of teaching and scholarly excellence and by a

dedication to quality in both the arts and sciences and professional programs. Above all, The University of Virginia's College at Wise is a diverse community of people who believe that information can be transformed into knowledge and that teaching and learning create a foundation for wisdom."

South Atlantic Conference

Beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year, the UVA-Wise Highland Cavaliers will compete in the South Atlantic Conference, joining schools from Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The new conference allows for reduced travel and more classroom time for student athletes. Schools in the conference include familiar regional institutions, such as Carson Newman University, Tusculum College, Lincoln Memorial University, and Mars Hill University.

Crockett Award

In 1995, Clinch Valley College presented its first Samuel R. Crockett Award. The award is named for Samuel R. Crockett Jr. who in 1954 was the University of Virginia's extension division representative in Southwest Virginia. Mr. Crockett was instrumental in establishing a division of the University of Virginia in Wise.

This award is presented to an individual who has made significant efforts toward strengthening the relationship between the University of Virginia and the College. Since 1995, the award has been given 17 times. Past recipients include John T. Casteen III in 1995, Leonard Sandridge in 1998 and again in 2007, and recently President Teresa A. Sullivan in 2016.

Ms. Henry will announce the 2018 recipient of the award.

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AGENDA ITEM: III.B. Remarks by the Faculty Consulting Member

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Mr. Harvey will report on current initiatives underway in academic affairs.