

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS**

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

March 5, 2020

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

**Thursday, March 5, 2020
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda**

Committee Members:

Elizabeth M. Cranwell, Chair
Whittington W. Clement
Frank M. Conner III
Maurice A. Jones
Angela Hucles Mangano

James B. Murray Jr., Ex-officio
Peter C. Brunjes
Derrick Wang, Student Member
Bruce Cahoon, Faculty Consulting Member

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AGENDA ITEM: I. Remarks by Committee Chair

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Ms. Elizabeth Cranwell, the Committee Chair, will make opening remarks.

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AGENDA ITEM: II.A. Report of the Chancellor

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Ms. Henry will report on college news and provide reports on several items.

Introduction of UVA Wise Provost-Elect

Trisha Folds-Bennett, Ph.D., has been selected to serve as provost for the University of Virginia's College at Wise. Ms. Folds-Bennett will officially lead academic affairs for UVA Wise beginning in the summer of 2020.

Ms. Folds-Bennett, the dean of the Honors College at the College of Charleston and associate professor of psychology, oversees operations of the 750-student honors college, including admissions, curriculum, student and faculty development, assessment, budget, staff management, and fundraising.

From June 2006 to January 2013, she served as associate dean of the Honors College. In that role, she established the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards and the Aiken Fellows Society to engage top scholars at the College of Charleston. She took a brief hiatus from her academic career from January 2004 through June 2006 to serve as director of programs, products, and services at Darkness to Light, a nonprofit organization focused on the prevention of child sexual abuse. While there, she oversaw the development and implementation of a sexual abuse prevention curriculum now used internationally. Before her time at Darkness to Light, she had a 14-year career as a faculty member in the College of Charleston psychology department. During that time, she was elected to be the first female speaker of the faculty and served in that role for three years.

Ms. Folds-Bennett earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Wake Forest University and her doctoral degree in developmental psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her disciplinary research focuses on the factors that contribute to cognitive and moral development in childhood and adolescence. She has published several articles and book chapters in this area. In her role as dean, she has written articles and given presentations and workshops on the importance of reflective and experiential learning in student success. She is active in the National Collegiate Honors Society, the National Association of Fellowship Advisors, and the Society for Cross-Cultural Research.

UVA Wise Enrollment Report

Ms. Henry will provide a report regarding fall 2020 admission to UVA Wise.

Honor the Future Campaign

UVA Wise officially launched the *Honor the Future* campaign on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Lewey Lee, Clinch Valley College Class of 1962, and Rhonda Perkins, Clinch Valley College Class of 1973, are chairing the campaign cabinet for UVA Wise. Ms. Henry will report on fundraising progress and milestone gifts to date.

UVA Wise New Education Majors

UVA Wise's education department has developed new majors out of its existing health and physical education program. The current health and p.e. major includes licensure, as well as sports management as a concentration. In addition to health and p.e., the department will now offer separate majors in sports management, exercise science, and health and wellness.

Faculty in the department believe the new majors will appeal to aspiring teachers interested in health, wellness, and athletics. The new majors provide an alternative pathway to health careers in addition to the degree programs in natural sciences and nursing.

The new fields of study will begin in fall 2020. Faculty members Bruce Wasem, Cody Sanders, Ray Schweighardt, and Matthew Williams have worked closely with registrar Narda Porter on these programs. The Faculty Senate and the Academic Programs Committee approved the majors.

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AGENDA ITEM: II.B. UVA Wise Strategic Plan

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: The process for the UVA Wise strategic plan, "Envisioning 2020," was launched nearly ten years ago, in October 2010. UVA Wise established a 17-member committee to support the development of the plan. Provost Sandy Huguenin, Ph.D., chaired the committee, which represented teaching faculty, general faculty, staff, and students.

The Board of Visitors formally adopted the plan in November 2013. Since that time, the College has fulfilled strategic objectives, charted new territory, and responded to national higher education opportunities, trends, and challenges.

In the months ahead, the College community will undergo an exercise to define UVA Wise's future. The University of Virginia's broader strategic plan, "A Great and Good University – the 2030 Plan," will serve as a reference point during the process.

DISCUSSION: Chancellor Henry will report achievements under "Envisioning 2020" and outline the next steps for the new strategic plan.

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AGENDA ITEM: II.C. Remarks by the Faculty Consulting Member

ACTION REQUIRED: None

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