

**UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS**

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

December 8, 2022

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 8, 2022

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Board Room, Rotunda

Committee Members:

Elizabeth M. Cranwell, Chair
Carlos M. Brown, Vice Chair
Mark T. Bowles
Thomas A. DePasquale
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Robert D. Hardie
Angela Hucles Mangano

The Honorable L.F. Payne
Amanda L. Pillion
Douglas D. Wetmore
Whittington W. Clement, Ex-officio
Susan E. Kirk, M.D., Faculty Representative
Lily A. Roberts, Student Representative

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AGENDA ITEM: I. Remarks by Committee Chair

ACTION REQUIRED: None

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

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AGENDA ITEM: II.A. Stephen H. Watts Professorship in Surgery II and III

BACKGROUND: Appointed first chair of the Department of Surgery in 1907, Dr. Stephen H. Watts was nationally known for his many contributions to medical science, for his work as a teacher and clinician, and for introducing the first residence system for surgeons in the South. A generous donor to the School of Medicine, Dr. Watts bequeathed a priceless collection of rare books on the history of medicine to the University.

The Stephen H. Watts Professorship in Surgery was established by the University in 1954 through a bequest from Dr. Watts. The will stipulates that the Fund “be used for the maintenance of a Chair of Surgery, to be designated as the “Stephen Watts Chair of Surgery,” if such name be deemed acceptable by the authorities of the University of Virginia, and the remainder, if any, of the said net income to be used by said authorities for the purpose of doing and stimulating research work in medicine and surgery.” Dr. Watts’ bequest also funded the S. Hurt Watts Professorship in Surgery, which was established in 1980.

DISCUSSION: The June 30, 2022, market value of the Stephen H. Watts Professorship in Surgery is \$10,653,808, exceeding the income needed to fund a single chairholder. The School of Medicine, with approval from Provost Baucom, proposes allowing additional professors to be funded by the original endowment, in increments of at least the University’s \$3M minimum and in alignment with the original purpose of the gift. Each new chair holder appointment will move through the standard vetting process of the Provost’s Office and be proposed to the Board of Visitors as they are identified.

With the current fund balance, two additional professorships are proposed. These chairs shall have demonstrated research experience, as required by the donor. These additional endowed professorships will provide faculty support and will facilitate securing external funding for their associated work.

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

STEPHEN H. WATTS PROFESSORSHIP IN SURGERY II AND III

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen H. Watts was nationally known for his many contributions to medical science, for his work as a teacher and clinician, and for introducing the first residence system for surgeons in the South. A generous donor to the School of Medicine,

Dr. Watts bequeathed a priceless collection of rare books on the history of medicine to the University; and

WHEREAS, the Stephen H. Watts Professorship in Surgery was established by the University in 1954 through a bequest from Dr. Watts. The will stipulates that the Fund “be used for the maintenance of a Chair of Surgery, to be designated as the “Stephen Watts Chair of Surgery,” if such name be deemed acceptable by the authorities of the University of Virginia, and the remainder, if any, of the said net income to be used by said authorities for the purpose of doing and stimulating research work in medicine and surgery;” and

WHEREAS, the Fund has now grown to accommodate the establishment of two additional chairs with the same requirement that the chairholders have demonstrated research experience in medicine and surgery;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes two additional Stephen H. Watts Professorships in Surgery in the School of Medicine’s Department of Surgery.

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AGENDA ITEM: II.B. Ted Turner Professorship in Atrial Fibrillation

BACKGROUND: Mr. Robert Edward “Ted” Turner III pledged \$2,000,000 in 2016 to establish the Ted Turner Fund for Faculty Excellence in Atrial Fibrillation to support the work of James Michael Mangrum, M.D., director of the UVA Atrial Fibrillation Center. This gift was made in recognition of Dr. Mangrum’s extensive expertise and care.

Mr. Turner is the founder of the Turner Broadcasting System, which is now owned by Warner Bros Discovery. Mr. Turner created several cable television channels, including CNN, and owned motion picture companies. He is also a philanthropist and environmentalist and has funded several conservation organizations. Mr. Turner is an avid sportsman who won the America’s Cup in 1977, piloting his yacht *Courageous*. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Peabody Award in 1997.

DISCUSSION: When the endowment was created in 2016, the agreement specified Dr. Mangrum as the inaugural Ted Turner Scholar in Atrial Fibrillation. The agreement also indicated that the fund shall be converted to the Ted Turner Professorship in Atrial Fibrillation if a qualified candidate is identified. Although Dr. Mangrum was not eligible to hold a chaired professorship in 2016, he is now eligible.

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

TED TURNER PROFESSORSHIP IN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

WHEREAS, in 2016 donor Robert Edward “Ted” Turner III pledged \$2,000,000 to establish the Ted Turner Fund for Faculty Excellence in Atrial Fibrillation in order to support the work of James Michael Mangrum, MD, director of the UVA Atrial Fibrillation Center, in recognition of Dr. Mangrum’s expertise and care; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with the donor was that the fund would be used to support an endowed professorship if a qualified candidate was identified; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mangrum is now eligible to hold an endowed chair;

RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors establishes the Ted Turner Professorship in Atrial Fibrillation in the Department of Medicine Division of Cardiology; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board of Visitors offers profound thanks to Robert Edward "Ted" Turner III for his deep and generous support of the Atrial Fibrillation Center and the University and congratulates Dr. Mangrum on his outstanding work in this important field of Cardiology.

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AGENDA ITEM: III. Executive Vice President and Provost Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: Provost Baucom will make remarks regarding recent noteworthy events and accomplishments.

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AGENDA ITEM: IV.A. Undergraduate Student Wellness

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: As articulated in the 2030 strategic plan, student wellness, accompanied by a sense of welcome and finding a home at UVA, is an essential component of developing students who thrive during their time at the University and beyond. Hoos Connected, created in 2018, is designed to help first year, second year, and transfer students feel connected, supported, and capable by bridging differences and getting to know one another in deeper, more meaningful ways. From a total of 27 participants in its initial year, the program has grown substantially; around 1,000 students will participate this year. Hoos Connected now enrolls about 25% of incoming undergraduates. It is currently being revised to incorporate advising elements and, with funding from the President's Office and Provost's Office, will expand to serve more students in future years.

Grounded in the extensive, decades-long research of Psychology Professor Joseph P. Allen, Hoos Connected takes into account national data on the health risks of social isolation and recognizes the strength of human connections in developing a sense of wellbeing and belonging. The program is a collaboration between Professor Allen and the Division of Student Affairs, including Student Health and Wellness, Counseling and Psychological Services, and Housing & Residence Life. Trained upper-level students serve as facilitators for Hoos Connected, ensuring student leadership and involvement are key elements of the program.

Mr. Joseph P. Allen is Hugh P. Kelly Professor of Psychology in the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and has been a faculty member since 1989. He earned his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Virginia and his Ph.D. in Clinical/Community Psychology from Yale University. With a focus on clinical, developmental, and community psychology, his research over the past 25 years has concentrated on the development of adolescents into adulthood. He is the recipient of numerous grants and awards and is the author of several books and hundreds of articles. One result of his research has been The Connection Project, a school-based program to enhance the academic and life outcomes of teens. Hoos Connected resulted from The Connection Project, which itself also led to the Teen Connection Project, a similar high-school level program currently active in Missouri.

Since Fall 2020, the University has participated in a learning community associated with Driving Change and IE3 (Inclusive Excellence 3), two initiatives of Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), a nonprofit focused on research and philanthropy to advance science and education. In November 2022, HHMI announced it will contribute \$2.5M to the

University over five years toward Driving Change, a wide-ranging initiative that aims to enhance the academic experience and success of STEM students, particularly those who belong to historically excluded groups. The University will dedicate an additional \$4M in institutional funds toward developing and implementing Driving Change at UVA, with the College of Arts & Sciences and the School of Engineering and Applied Science each also contributing \$600,000, for a combined investment totaling \$7.7M. The second HHMI initiative, IE3, focuses on making introductory STEM courses more inclusive while providing a crucial foundation for students to succeed regardless of preparation received before joining UVA. UVA has been awarded \$529,500 from HHMI for this endeavor, which the Office of the Provost is supplementing with an additional \$325,000. The University's participation in these HHMI initiatives, alongside other participating institutions, followed a competitive application process.

Ms. Josipa Roksa is the Project Director for HHMI initiatives at UVA, in addition to her roles as Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Professor of Sociology and Education. She joined the University faculty in 2006 and holds a joint appointment in the College and Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and the School of Education and Human Development. She earned her B.A. in Psychology from Mount Holyoke College and her Ph.D. in Sociology from New York University. As associate provost, she works with the schools, Student Affairs, Enrollment, and other units to implement the Advising Task Force recommendations and strengthen academic support services, also overseeing the Georges Student Center, the Office of Undergraduate Research, and the Office of Citizen Scholar Development. Her research focuses on understanding inequality in higher education, focusing on experiences and outcomes of students from underserved backgrounds, including first-generation, low income, and underrepresented racial/ethnic groups. Ms. Roksa began leading UVA's involvement in the HHMI Driving Change and IE3 Initiatives in 2020.

DISCUSSION: Provost Baucom will introduce Mr. Joseph Allen and Ms. Josipa Roksa. Mr. Allen will discuss Hoos Connected and his partnership with Student Affairs to address student mental health and wellbeing at UVA. This will include a summary of current research in the broader field and an overview of positive results seen from the application of his research, from adolescents in high school to college students. Ms. Roksa will discuss the University's ongoing participation in the HHMI initiatives as well as other ways in which UVA is seeking to support students in STEM programs.

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AGENDA ITEM: IV.B. UVA|NOVA Report

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: In September 2021, the University announced UVA|NOVA as its campus in Northern Virginia, comprising an initial site in the Rosslyn neighborhood of Arlington and future additional sites, including one in Fairfax near the existing UVA Medicine Inova Campus. Situated within the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area in a growing and diverse economic, technological, and academic hub for the Commonwealth and the country, UVA|NOVA has a primary focus on serving postgraduates and those seeking to advance their careers and develop professional skills. It will build upon and bring together robust existing programs, while also providing a platform for significantly expanding the University's academic offerings, research activity, and overall presence in the region.

Mr. Gregory Fairchild is the inaugural dean and chief executive officer of UVA|NOVA, leading the University's growth in Northern Virginia through his work with a broad set of colleagues. He is the Isidore Horween Research Professor of Business Administration at the Darden School of Business and has played a central role in the School's strategic expansion in the region. A renowned educator and mentor, Fairchild was named 2017 MBA Professor of the Year by Poets & Quants and has received numerous Darden and University awards, including a 2020 UVA Excellence in Public Service Award for his work leading efforts to teach business courses to incarcerated people to help with their reentry to society. He earned a B.S. in Mass Communications from Virginia Commonwealth University, an MBA from the Darden School of Business, and a M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Management of Organizations from Columbia University.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Baucom will introduce Mr. Fairchild, who will provide a report on UVA|NOVA.

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AGENDA ITEM: IV.C. Education for Citizenship

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: On November 3, 2022, the University of Virginia’s Department of Politics hosted its second annual Oratory Competition inside the Rotunda Dome Room. Sponsored by the Politics Honors Program, the Karsh Institute of Democracy, Think Again @ UVA, the Jefferson Literary & Debating Society, the University Democrats, and the College Republicans, the student organized event featured 10 finalists who delivered self-authored six-minute speeches on the following prompt: “Is free speech important at a public university in our democracy – and why?”

A panel of former presidential speechwriters and Politics Department chair and Miller Center senior fellow Jennifer Lawless judged participants based on speechwriting ability and quality of delivery. Jered Cooper, a third-year student and government major from Fort Washington, Maryland, won with his speech, titled “A Remedy to Save America.” The Oratory Competition was conceptualized by Ms. Mary Kate Cary, practitioner senior fellow at the Miller Center of Public Affairs and an adjunct professor in the Department of Politics, who serves as the competition’s faculty advisor. When speaking of her inspiration, she noted, “UVA has a proud tradition of student-run literary and debating societies... radio programming, multiple newspapers, and several policy review magazines, all full of students making great arguments for and against a variety of ideas.”

DISCUSSION: Provost Baucom will share a video compilation of highlights from the Oratory Competition as one effort among many to encourage education for citizenship.