



THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

May 18, 2020

The Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia held an emergency electronic meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020. James B. Murray Jr., Rector, presided.

Participants were Whittington W. Clement, Robert M. Blue, Mark T. Bowles, L.D. Britt, M.D. , Frank M. Conner III, Elizabeth M. Cranwell, Thomas A. DePasquale, Barbara J. Fried, John A. Griffin, Louis S. Haddad, Robert D. Hardie, Maurice A. Jones, Babur B. Lateef, M.D., Angela H. Mangano, C. Evans Poston Jr., James V. Reyes, Peter C. Brunjes, Derrick Wang, and Mazzen Shalaby.

Also present were James E. Ryan, Jennifer Wagner Davis, K. Craig Kent, M.D., M. Elizabeth Magill, Michael J. Citro, Margaret S. Grundy, Susan G. Harris, Timothy J. Heaphy, John C. Jeffries, Jr., Mark M. Luellen, Margot M. Rogers, Dr. Mitchell H. Rosner, and Debra D. Rinker.

At 5:00 p.m., the Rector opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and reviewing the agenda for the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to the President.

Remarks from President Ryan

President Ryan encouraged everyone to view the virtual graduation ceremony if they hadn't already done so. He said it was a tremendous amount of work by many people around the University.

He spoke about financial mitigation measures. About half the funding received from the CARES Act is passed on to students in the form of aid, while the other half will be used to offset the cost of refunding housing and dining fees. Some of the federal funds were given directly to colleges and universities, while some were given to states to distribute. The state has set up a process for seeking reimbursement for costs that are not covered by the first portion of funds from the CARES Act. The University has submitted applications for reimbursement for the Health System, a portion that would be dedicated to scaling up testing to serve not just the University but others in the Commonwealth. It is not clear yet whether that proposal will be met favorably by the Commonwealth.

Mr. Ryan said the ban on elective surgeries has been lifted. He thanked Dr. Kent for his leadership.

President Ryan said a plan is underway to gradually ramp up research while minimizing risk to those who are doing the research. Vice President for Research Ram Ramasubramanian is putting together training and systems while coordinating with the deans and others. He thanked Mr. Ramasubramanian and Ms. Magill for the thought and effort that will enable ramping up research, which is critical for the University.

Mr. Ryan spoke briefly about Nicole Jenkins, incoming dean of the McIntire School of Commerce. He said she has a real knack and talent for building community and he is looking forward to introducing her to the Board of Visitors.

Mr. Ryan mentioned two faculty members, psychology professor Tim Wilson and Environmental Sciences Professor James Galloway, who were elected to prestigious National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors a scientist can receive. Membership is determined by peer election so only NAS members can formally nominate someone to join their ranks. He thanked Mr. Ramasubramanian for his help in shepherding these nominations and for ensuring faculty receive the recognition they deserve, which raises their profiles and that of the University.

President Ryan touched on advancement progress. He said it has been inspiring to see how many alumni and friends of the University have been generous during this difficult time. He highlighted the Charlottesville-based Ivy Foundation, which is a leading funder of translational research on Grounds. They have given a \$2M grant for immediate use to seed faculty research focused on COVID-19. He thanked Dr. Bobby Battle, the chair of the Ivy Foundation, for helping champion this grant over the last several weeks.

A new expendable scholarship fund, the 2020 UVA Bridge Scholarship Fund, will help support students who have been impacted by the pandemic. These one-year grants will provide temporary assistance to students and their families who may not have been eligible for financial aid in the past.

Mr. Ryan mentioned a previously documented \$27.5M estate gift that will be paid over the next several years. This gift will provide current funding to the College of Arts & Sciences to support the Principles of Democracy Lab through a suite of endowed professorships, along with operational and programmatic support.

Community Support was the last topic. The employee assistance fund has now reached approximately 2,000 people. Employees provided \$67,000 in contributions to help other employees. He mentioned several initiatives with the community to provide food and other services.

Mr. Ryan thanked Matt Weber in his office for “the random acts of Cav Man”. He has received more than 120 requests and Cav Man has made more than 75 visits with another 19 scheduled for this week. He has been to nursing homes, the hospital, Zoomed into classes, visited every open business on the Corner, and reached dozens of mothers either in person or virtually on Mother’s Day.

Remarks from the Executive Vice President and Provost

Ms. Magill briefly recapped the fall 2020 committee’s work to date. As part of this work, the committee was organized around workstreams. For example, Dr. Mitch Rosner and Pat Lampkin, in consultation with experts from across the University, considered the

safest date students, faculty, and staff could safely return and under what conditions. The McIntire dean Carl Zeithaml led a work stream around academic contingency planning, including planning for multiple scenarios for opening in the fall. Work streams also considered ideas around creating an enhanced online experience for students as well as outside the box ideas for the fall semester. Ja'Mel Reed, who will serve as co-chair of Housing and Residence Life, has served as a student representative and has made invaluable contributions in representing the student voice. All work streams prepared briefing papers for the senior leadership to identify plausible options to consider. Throughout this process, the committee consulted with faculty, staff, and students to gather input and seek feedback, and they surveyed all undergraduate students to gauge their adaptability to several planning scenarios. The survey closed on May 18 and the results are now being analyzed.

Ms. Magill said they have come a long way in planning and thinking but they still have far to go. They have transitioned to the next phase of planning for the fall semester and refined their focus around several framing questions such as: What are the questions we still need answers to? What are the policy decisions we need to make? What immediate actions do we need to take? To address these issues, the existing work stream leads have now transitioned into new working groups that will produce several deliverables, including basic guidelines about academic structure and course delivery; a recommendation around how to best approach summer session; and a recommendation on returning students to Grounds, including housing students in dorms, how to implement social distancing standards in the classroom, and enhanced safety and hygiene standards.

The committee is currently working to finalize two surveys, one to faculty and the second will be sent to graduate and professional students. She promised to keep the Board informed and invited their thoughts, ideas, and comments.

Closed Session

Rector Murray asked for a motion to resume in closed session. After adopting the following motion made by Ms. Cranwell, duly seconded, and unanimously supported by the voting members present plus Peter C. Brunjes and Derrick Wang, the Board went into closed session at 5:22 p.m. James E. Ryan, Jennifer Wagner Davis, K. Craig Kent, M.D., M. Elizabeth Magill, Michael J. Citro, Margaret S. Grundy, Susan G. Harris, Timothy J. Heaphy, John C. Jeffries, Jr., Mark M. Luellen, Margot M. Rogers, Dr. Mitchell H. Rosner, and Debra D. Rinker also participated in the closed session.

“I move that the Board of Visitors go into closed session to discuss the investment of public funds where competition is involved and public disclosure could adversely affect the financial interests of the University; to discuss specific proprietary, business-related information about the Medical Center’s operations and finances; and to discuss plans for protecting the health and safety of employees, students, and the public in accessing University programs, services, and facilities. The relevant exemptions from the open

meeting requirements are Sections 2.2-3711 A (6), (8), (19), and (22) of the Code of Virginia.”

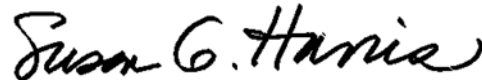
At 6:25 p.m. the Board left closed session, and, on the following motion made by Ms. Cranwell, all members present certified by roll call vote that the deliberations in closed session had been conducted in accordance with the exemptions permitted by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The members voting in the affirmative were Mr. Murray, Mr. Clement, Mr. Blue, Mr. Bowles, Mr. Conner, Ms. Cranwell, Mr. DePasquale, Ms. Fried, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Haddad, Mr. Hardie, Mr. Jones, Dr. Lateef, Ms. Mangano, Mr. Poston, and Mr. Reyes. Mr. Brunjes and Mr. Wang also voted in the affirmative:

“I move that we vote on and record our certification that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and which were identified in the motion authorizing the Closed session, were heard, discussed, or considered in Closed session.

Before closing the meeting, the Rector outlined a plan for the June regular meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 4. He said it will be virtual rather than in-person. There will be a two-hour meeting of the Health System Board from 10 a.m. to noon, and a two-hour full Board meeting from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Primary topics for this meeting are the budget for FY 2021 and planning for fall 2020 and beyond. Other agenda items include an introductory session with the Auditor of Public Accounts, schematic design approvals, professorship establishments, a report on the strategic plan, faculty actions, consideration of the name of the Curry School, and appointment of the new McIntire School of Commerce dean. Mr. Murray said he would be happy to accommodate other suggestions or additions to the agenda and he urged members to contact himself or Susan Harris.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan G. Harris
Secretary

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