



THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

December 8, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Academic and Student Life Committee:

Elizabeth M. Cranwell, Chair
Carlos M. Brown, Vice Chair
Mark T. Bowles
Thomas A. DePasquale
U. Bertram Ellis Jr.
Robert D. Hardie
Angela H. Mangano

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

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Robert M. Blue
Louis S. Haddad
Babur B. Lateef, M.D.

Stephen P. Long, M.D.
James B. Murray Jr.
James V. Reyes

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Academic and Student Life Committee Meeting on December 8, 2022

The Academic and Student Life Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in open session, at 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, December 8, 2022. Elizabeth M. Cranwell, Chair, presided.

Committee members present: Whittington W. Clement, Mark T. Bowles, Carlos M. Brown, Thomas A. DePasquale, U. Bertram Ellis Jr., Robert D. Hardie, L.F. Payne, Amanda L. Pillion, Douglas D. Wetmore, and Lily A. Roberts.

Committee members absent: Angela H. Mangano and Susan E. Kirk, M.D.

Louis S. Haddad, Babur B. Lateef, M.D., Stephen P. Long, M.D., James B. Murray, Jr., and James V. Reyes (via Zoom) were also present.

Present as well were James E. Ryan, Ian B. Baucom, Jennifer W. Davis, K. Craig Kent, M.D., Melody S. Bianchetto, Susan G. Harris, Donna P. Henry, Cliff Iler, Megan Barnett, Kennedy Kipps,

Mark Luellen, David W. Martel, Margaret Grundy Noland, Debra D. Rinker, Margot M. Rogers, and Jerilyn Teahan.

The presenters were Joseph Allen, Josipa Roksa, and Gregory Fairchild.

Ms. Cranwell reviewed the agenda and then turned the meeting over to Provost Baucom.

Action Items

Provost Baucom spoke briefly about the two new professorships proposed for approval. On motion, duly seconded, the committee approved the following resolutions and recommended them for full Board approval:

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.

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.

Executive Vice President and Provost Remarks

Provost Baucom and Vice President for Student Affairs Robyn Hadley outlined the various support systems for students and other members of the community following the violence on Grounds that occurred November 13. The measures were implemented pre- and post-Thanksgiving, and more are planned for the spring semester. The measures include grading modifications, enhanced support services such as assistance stations and therapy dogs, and special events and gathering spaces including Carr’s Hill and Pavilion VI. Ms. Hadley spoke about the outreach efforts to students and their increased utilization of services. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) experienced a substantial increase in utilization.

Provost Baucom spoke about the Recovery Working Group convened by President Ryan following the shootings of November 13, which began its work immediately after Thanksgiving to coordinate efforts going forward. Vice Provost Stephen Mull chairs the group. The group has identified five baskets of issues on which to concentrate:

- Student Care
- Academic Accommodation
- Financial Assistance
- Community Programming
- Communications

He reviewed actions to date and plans for the future.

Provost Baucom spoke about undergraduate admission. As of December 1, UVA has received more than 42,000 applications for first-year admission, up 17% from same date last year. The increase is even sharper (34%) for students applying from partner high schools in the Virginia College Advising Corps, the UVA program that places recent college graduates as college advisers in public high schools across the Commonwealth. He said the admission team is evaluating all these candidates with rigor, care, and respect for their dignity and humanity. They plan to release decisions to early-decision candidates later this month, to early-action candidates in February, and to the remaining candidates by April 1. Financial aid offers closely follow each of these dates.

Undergraduate Student Wellness

There were two presenters for this topic. Professor of Psychology Joe Allen spoke about his program “Hoos Connected” that gives first year students a sense of belonging and measurably combats depression, and Professor of Sociology and Education Josipa Roksa, who is reimagining introductory courses in STEM fields to make them more achievement-oriented and to foster success in STEM for all students.

UVA|NOVA Report

Professor of Business Administration Greg Fairchild (who also serves as Dean and CEO of UVA|NOVA) shared details about plans for Rosslyn and Fairfax campuses, including a preview of marketing materials with campaign tag line, “It’s Closer Than You Think” and reasons why it is important to have a strong presence in the northern Virginia/Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Programs now serve, and will serve, working learners, online learners, faculty and students, and

government and corporations. Schools that now have a presence are Darden, McIntire, Education, and Nursing. New degrees will include the Engineering school, Architecture, McIntire and Darden. Non-degree revenue education will also be a component.

Education for Citizenship

Provost Baucom spoke about the fall Student Oratory Competition, where students considered the question of why free speech is important at a public university in our democracy. He showed a video of several of the student speakers.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

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These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia's Board of Visitors website:

<http://bov.virginia.edu/committees/179>