

April 4, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Thomas F. Farrell, II, Chair
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.
William H. Goodwin, Jr.
Mark J. Kington
Terence P. Ross
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.	Thomas A. Saunders, III
Susan Y. Dorsey	Warren M. Thompson
Charles L. Glazer	E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
Lewis F. Payne	Georgia M. Willis
Don R. Pippin	John O. Wynne
John R.M. Rodney	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds
Committee on April 4, 2003

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 10:45 a.m., Friday, April 4, 2003, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Thomas F. Farrell, II, Chair, presided. William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Mark J. Kington, Terence P. Ross, H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr., and Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Rector, were present.

Present as well were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Charles L. Glazer, Lewis F. Payne, Jr., Don R. Pippin, Thomas A. Saunders, III, Ms. Georgia M. Willis, and John O. Wynne.

John R.M. Rodney, the Student Member-elect, was present too.

Also present were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Gene D. Block, Robert D. Sweeney, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, William W. Harmon, Samuel A. Anderson, III, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair noted that the Committee had met on February 24th, and had met in joint session with the Finance Committee on April 3rd, to consider the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan in detail (see the Minutes of those meetings). He asked Ms. Sheehy, Vice President for Management and Budget, to present a synopsis of the previous day's discussion.

Ms. Sheehy explained that the Six-Year Plan, the sixth submitted to the state, covers the period 2004-2010. It will be sent to Richmond later in the spring; the Governor's staff will evaluate it and make recommendations for the budget the Governor will send to the General Assembly for the next Session. Given the current financial climate, there seems to be little hope for much general fund support for capital outlays in the next biennium.

The proposed Six-Year Plan, a "wish list" of requests from the Academic Division, the Medical Center and the College at Wise, totals \$1.1 billion, split between \$388.8 million in general funds and \$723.5 million in nongeneral funds. Of this, the total for the next biennium (2004-2006) totals \$511.9 million, divided between \$144.1 million in general funds and \$367.8 million in nongeneral funds.

Again for the 2004-06 Biennium Capital Plan, by far the majority of the funds for the Academic Division and the Medical Center projects come from nongeneral funds, while most of the Wise projects would be supported by general funds. For projects in all three divisions, the total fund sources are 28% general and the rest nongeneral (gifts, bonds, Medical Center funds, Federal grants, indirect cost recoveries, auxiliary funds).

A resolution approving the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan was adopted by the Committee and recommended to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, April 5, 2003).

After referring Members to the series of customary reports in their notebooks, the Chair asked the President to report on fund raising efforts for building projects, as well as to give a progress report on the South Lawn.

The President reported that plans are underway for a formal groundbreaking for the Arena project, perhaps in conjunction with the May Board of Visitors meeting. The construction fences for the Emmet Street pedestrian bridge are in place and work on the project should begin soon.

As for the South Lawn, he referred to the Nau gift, announced at the Preliminary Meeting of the Board the day before (see Minutes of the Board of Visitors meeting of April 3, 2203), and outlined in some detail the various proposals for projects on the South Lawn, particularly the plans for expanding Rouss Hall.

The Chair then reported on actions taken by the Committee at its meeting on February 24th, (see the Minutes of that meeting). Much of the discussion, he said, centered on the design of the Studio Art Building, a matter of great controversy. The Architect for the University was asked to consider some general design precepts for the Arts Precinct as a way of establishing guidelines for the Precinct as a whole and for the Studio Art Building in particular. He made a presentation on this at the February 24th meeting. The Architect was also asked to draft general guidelines for this area, taking into account points raised in discussion on February 24. Copies of this draft were given out as the Chair spoke.

On February 24th, the Committee took several actions: the schematic and preliminary design for the Campbell Hall East Addition was approved; the schematic and preliminary design for the South Parking Garage Addition and the street closing and building demolitions necessary for this project; and the schematic and preliminary design for the Baseball Stadium Entrance Gate. None of these actions required approval by the full Board (the necessary resolutions are listed in the Minutes of the Board meeting of April 5, 2003).

On April 3rd, the Committee met jointly with the Finance Committee to consider the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan. The Committee also considered several items of Buildings and Grounds interest only - the schematic and preliminary design of two swing space buildings and the architectural design guidelines for the Studio Art Building (see the Minutes of the joint meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee, April 3, 2002). No decision was made on the latter - which will be considered at a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee later in the month - but the Committee did approve the schematic and preliminary design for the two swing space buildings. These are two "pre-engineered" buildings with a total size of 12,000 gross square feet. They will be put up behind the Physics

Building on McCormick Road and they will house the Studio Art program during the renovation of Fayerweather Hall.

According to the terms of the Board Manual, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has the authority to approve the schematic and preliminary design of the buildings without reference to the full Board.

Mr. Glazer suggested that nonetheless, the full Board should consider the schematic and preliminary design of the two swing buildings. A lengthy discussion ensued with some Members supporting Mr. Glazer's statement and others the provisions of the Manual. The Rector recommended that the Special Committee on Governance consider this Manual provision and whether it should be changed. He said, too, that since the Committee's action the previous day had been taken in accordance with the existing procedures outlined in the Manual, it should stand.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

AGG:jb

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

<http://www.virginia.edu/bov/buildingsgroundsminutes.html>