

January 31, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Thomas F. Farrell, II, Chair  
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.  
William H. Goodwin, Jr.  
Mark J. Kington  
H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr.  
Terence P. Ross  
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.	Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Charles L. Glazer	Thomas A. Saunders, III
T. Keister Greer	Warren M. Thompson
Elsie Goodwyn Holland	Elizabeth A. Twohy
Don R. Pippin	E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr.

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds  
Committee on January 31, 2003

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 1:25 p.m., Friday, January 31, 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, H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr., Terence P. Ross, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., T. Keister Greer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Don R. Pippin, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Warren M. Thompson, and E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Ms. Yoke San Reynolds, Samuel A. Anderson, III, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair introduced a "walk-on" item - an item added after the Agenda was published and distributed - the replacement of a highway historical marker.

In 1929, the State Highway Department placed an historical marker about the University on Fontaine Avenue, then the principal entry to Charlottesville from the south. The marker at that time was the only such marker which mentioned the University of Virginia. Sometime, perhaps in the last ten years or so - though no one is really certain when - the marker disappeared. The Rector informed the state Department of Historic Resources, the agency now responsible for these markers, of this in 2000.

The Department of Historic Resources and the Virginia Department of Transportation have received federal money to replace missing, damaged and outdated historical markers, which would include the disappeared University marker. The Board of Historic Resources, the body which rules on such things, is meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Department of Historic Resources plans to present to them a proposed text for approval. The replacement marker would be put on the Central Grounds and not at a peripheral location such as Fontaine Avenue.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Chair explained, must rule on the text of any such marker and approve its placement on the University Grounds. The Committee's recommendation is then forwarded to the full Board for action.

The proposed text, which is a modification of the 1929 text, is as follows:

The University of Virginia was founded by Thomas Jefferson. The cornerstone of its first building was laid on 6 October 1817, in the presence of three Presidents of the United States - Jefferson, Madison and Monroe. In 1825, it received its first students who would be educated in what Mr. Jefferson called "useful sciences," schooled in honor and self-determination, and prepared to lead a free nation and protect its democratic institutions. In 1987, UNESCO named the grounds of the University of Virginia, Thomas Jefferson's "academical village," to its prestigious World Heritage list.

The necessary resolution was adopted by the Buildings and Grounds Committee and forwarded to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, February 1, 2003).

The next two items, both Consent Agenda items, were presented by Ms. Sheehy, Vice President for Management and Budget.

The first item expanded a previously approved easement with the University of Virginia Real Estate Foundation to include an electric line from the Emmet Street Parking Garage across the Foundation's Cavalier Inn property to Emmet Street.

The Committee approved the necessary resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, February 1, 2003).

The second Consent item called for the approval of an historical marker, similar to the marker approved earlier by the Committee but honoring Edgar Allan Poe. The marker would be placed in the vicinity of Poe's second student room, No. 13, West Range and would have the following text:

Edgar Allan Poe

Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849) - writer, poet, and critic - was born in Boston, Mass. Orphaned at a young age, Poe was raised by John & Frances Allan of Richmond. He attended schools in England and Richmond before enrolling at the University of Virginia on 14 Feb. 1826 for one term. He took classes in the schools of Ancient and Modern Languages. While at the University, Poe accumulated debts that John Allan refused to pay. Poe briefly returned to Richmond, before moving to Boston in Mar. 1827. His best known works include: *The Raven*, *Annabel Lee*, and the *Tell-Tale Heart*. He edited the *Southern Literary Messenger* (1835-1837) in Richmond. Poe died in Baltimore, Md.

The Committee approved the necessary resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval (see Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, February 1, 2003).

The Chair reviewed the meeting of the Committee held on December 18, 2002 and explained the resolutions passed by the Committee then and forwarded to the full Board for action (see Minutes of the meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of

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December 18, 2002, and of the meeting of the Board of Visitors of February 1, 2003) at the present Board meeting.

Because of the impasse on an acceptable design for the Studio Arts Building, the Chairman said, Mr. Crutchfield had suggested a gathering where elements and principles of design could be discussed. The result was the successful Arts Grounds Symposium, held in the Rotunda on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Chair asked Mr. Crutchfield to report on it.

Mr. Crutchfield said that a design for the Studio Arts Building did not emerge from the Symposium and that it is clear basic decisions will have to be made on the design of buildings, away from the central Grounds, where rigid adherence to the Jeffersonian style is not practicable.

The Rector welcomed Mr. Gary O'Connell, the City Manager of Charlottesville, to the meeting and invited him to attend future meetings of the Committee.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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

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