

October 2, 2003

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Mark J. Kington, Chair
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.
Susan Y. Dorsey
Thomas F. Farrell, II
William H. Goodwin, Jr.
Lewis F. Payne
Terence P. Ross
Thomas A. Saunders, III
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.	E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
Charles L. Glazer	Georgia M. Willis
Don R. Pippin	John O. Wynne
Warren M. Thompson	John R.M. Rodney

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

RE: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds
Committee on October 2, 2003

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 2:45 p.m., Thursday, October 2, 2003, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Mark J. Kington, Chair, presided. William G. Crutchfield, Jr., Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Thomas F. Farrell, II, William H. Goodwin, Jr., Lewis F. Payne, Thomas A. Saunders, III, and Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Rector, were present.

Present as well were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., Charles L. Glazer, Don R. Pippin, Warren M. Thompson, Ms. Georgia M. Willis, and John R.M. Rodney.

Also present were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Ms. Colette

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Sheehy, Warren Cox, Robert P. Dillman, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

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The Chair asked Ms. Sheehy, Vice President for Management and Budget, to present the Agenda.

VARSIITY HALL

Ms. Sheehy reminded the Committee that the moving of Varsity Hall had been discussed at the Committee's meeting in May. After considerable deliberation, the Committee adopted a resolution approving the relocation of the building; the resolution directed that "staff find a suitable site for its relocation."

At that meeting, two sites were discussed, both adjacent to East Range and Hospital Drive. The preferred site was close to Randall Hall, even though that necessitated the removal of major underground utilities networks. A secondary site discussed was close to Washington Hall at the opposite end of East Range, but it was felt that in this location, Varsity Hall would dominate a major entrance to the Grounds and distract from the Jeffersonian East Range.

Ms. Sheehy said the displacement of the utilities at the Randall Hall site would be considerably more expensive than originally thought. The Washington Hall site, therefore, seemed the only viable possibility. There was considerable discussion of this and also reluctance on the part of the Committee. Members cautioned that the removal be bid competitively and that costs be watched carefully.

Ms. Sheehy promised that the matter would be studied further.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Sheehy then reported on a miscellany of topics. Funding was identified during the past week to begin the schematic design process for the South Lawn project. She said there is increasing neighborhood opposition to the proposed closing of Oakhurst Circle, which has been suggested as part of the South Lawn project.

There is city support for the so-called Maywood Connector, which would relieve traffic on the upper part of Jefferson Park Avenue, adjacent to the University. There is some neighborhood opposition, however, but the proposal has been included in the city's long-range transportation plan for the area.

There is a plan, in concept at least, to extend Stadium Road to Fontaine Ave. The project would improve access from the Fontaine Research Park to the Central Grounds, facilitate Stadium traffic during athletic events and relieve traffic on Fontaine Avenue. Ms. Sheehy said potential sources of funds are being explored.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 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>