



THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

September 18, 2015

MEMORANDUM

**TO: The Buildings and Grounds Committee:**

Kevin J. Fay, Chair  
Mark T. Bowles  
Whittington W. Clement  
Barbara J. Fried  
Frank E. Genovese  
Bobbie G. Kilberg  
James V. Reyes  
William H. Goodwin Jr., Ex-officio  
Joe Garofalo, Faculty Member  
Daniel T. Judge, Student Member

and

**The Remaining Members of the Board:**

Frank B. Atkinson	Victoria D. Harker
L.D. Britt, M.D.	John G. Macfarlane III
Frank M. Conner III	Tammy S. Murphy
Helen E. Dragas	Jeffrey C. Walker
John A. Griffin	

**FROM: Susan G. Harris**

**SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds  
Committee on September 18, 2015**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 10:10 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2015, in the Auditorium of the Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library of the Harrison Institute. Kevin J. Fay, Chair, presided.

Present were William H. Goodwin Jr., Mark T. Bowles, Barbara J. Fried, Frank E. Genovese, Bobbie G. Kilberg, James V. Reyes, Joe Garofalo, and Daniel T. Judge.

Frank B. Atkinson, Frank M. Conner III, L.D. Britt, M.D., John A. Griffin, John G. Macfarlane III, Tammy S. Murphy, and Jeffrey C. Walker were also present.

Present as well were Teresa A. Sullivan, Patrick D. Hogan, Thomas C. Katsouleas, Richard P. Shannon, M.D., Susan G. Harris, Debra D. Rinker, Roscoe C. Roberts, Pamela H. Sellers, Farnaz F. Thompson, Susan Carkeek, Donna P. Henry, Patricia M. Lampkin, Craig D. Littlepage, David W. Martel, Marcus L. Martin, M.D., Nancy A. Rivers, Colette Sheehy, and Robert D. Sweeney.

Presenters were Alice J. Raucher and Mark A. White.

Mr. Fay opened the meeting. After introducing Ms. Alice J. Raucher as the new Architect for the University, he gave the floor to Ms. Sheehy.

Consent Agenda Item: Easement Request from the City of Charlottesville for Installation of Electrical Facilities on 11th Street

On motion, the committee approved the following resolution:

ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL FACILITIES ON 11TH STREET

RESOLVED, the acceptance of an easement from the City of Charlottesville to facilitate the installation of electrical infrastructure required for the relocation of an emergency generator is approved; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer is authorized, on behalf of the University, to approve and execute a deed of easement and related documents, to approve revisions to the route (including, without limitation, revisions to change the location of the permanent easement), to incur reasonable and customary expenses, and to take such other actions as deemed necessary and appropriate to obtain such permanent easement; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all prior acts performed by the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and other officers and agents of the University, in connection with the request for, and acceptance of, such permanent easement, are in all respects approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Consent Agenda Item: Concept, Site, and Design: Blandy Experimental Farm Greenhouse Replacement and Residential Housing Expansion Project

On motion, the committee approved the following resolution:

CONCEPT, SITE, AND DESIGN FOR BLANDY EXPERIMENTAL FARM GREENHOUSE REPLACEMENT AND RESIDENTIAL HOUSING EXPANSION PROJECT

RESOLVED, the concept, site, and design for the greenhouse replacement and residential housing expansion at Blandy Experimental Farm are approved for further development and construction.

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Highlights of the 2014-15 Sustainability Report

Ms. Sheehy introduced Mr. Mark A. White, Associate Professor of Commerce and Co-Chair of the Committee on Sustainability. Mr. White reported that at the end of the last fiscal year CO2 admissions were down by 1% even after the cold winter and the addition of several new buildings. Water use was down 4% from the previous year and 32% from 1999. Facilities Management's Delta Force Program, a building efficiency initiative started in 2007, has achieved savings of \$19.6 million on investments of \$7.6 million. The Bike Share program was launched. Research, teaching, and engagement efforts continue. A Global Environment and Sustainability major was initiated. The University was one of 9 universities recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a Green Ribbon School. The University achieved a gold STARS rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Future efforts include the calculation of the University's nitrogen footprint and the development of a sustainability plan with measureable, manageable goals.

Growth around Grounds, 1995-2015; Status of Projects in Construction, Design, and Planning

Ms. Sheehy said one-third of the University's 17 million gross square feet was added during the last 20 years. During this period, 106 new structures totaling 6.1 million gross square feet were added, and there were 10 renovation projects that included additions totaling 312,000 gross square feet. Twenty-nine buildings consisting of 1.3 million gross square feet were renovated.

Current design projects include the renovation of Gilmer Hall and the Chemistry Building, which is the University's top priority project for funding from the state. Projects in the initial feasibility stage include the renovation of Alderman Library, which is the University's second priority project for state funding. The Batten School and the McIntire School both have space needs which are being studied.

Jeffersonian Grounds Initiative

Ms. Sheehy explained that the Jeffersonian Grounds Initiative is part of the Bridge Campaign and it consists of three elements: the Rotunda Restoration; restoring the remainder of the Academical Village; and creating a \$50 million endowment for future preservation efforts. The Rotunda project is on schedule and the building's

exterior should be completed this spring with the scaffolding and construction fences down in time for graduation. There will likely be interior work to complete over the summer, but the Rotunda should be ready for the September 2016 Board meeting. A number of minor projects are also underway in the Academical Village. Pavilion VIII is the next pavilion in line for a major renovation.

#### Potential Building and Grounds 2015-2016 Agenda Items

Mr. Fay reviewed the list of potential 2015-2016 agenda items, which had been distributed to the committee prior to the meeting. These items included:

1. Development of criteria for the addition of construction/development projects to the work plan
2. Initiation of an effective planning process for the Emmet/Ivy Corner and the Ivy Corridor
3. Examination of University policy and plans for upper class, on-Grounds housing
4. Development of a short- and long-term acquisition plan
5. Review and assessment of University-wide space needs and expansion requests
6. Exploration of additional creative ventures for University construction, including P3 initiatives, private sector financing, and new programs through the State government

Committee members commented that some of these items could be combined and that they also affect the work of other committees. The Rector observed that the committee should be projecting where the University will be growing over the next 10 to 15 years.

Mr. Katsouleas said he and Dr. Shannon have been discussing a \$200 million expansion to the University's research enterprise over the next 10 years and this will impact the University's space needs.

#### Preview of Topics for Discussion in November

Ms. Raucher reviewed three items on the draft November meeting agenda: 1) the process for prioritizing which projects come before the Board; 2) the project approval process; and 3) the Ivy Road/Emmett Street Corridor. The discussion will include how projects are formulated; the possibility of bringing projects to the Board for scope, schedule, and budget discussions at the end of each design phase; and criteria for bringing projects to the Board.

The Rector and other members of the committee observed that the Board's involvement should begin at the earliest stages of planning when the idea of a project is first proposed.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.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>