



THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

December 11, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

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

Robert D. Hardie, Chair	Barbara J. Fried
Whittington W. Clement, Vice Chair	Louis S. Haddad
Robert M. Blue	C. Evans Poston Jr.
Mark T. Bowles	James V. Reyes
Elizabeth M. Cranwell	James B. Murray Jr., Ex-officio
Thomas A. DePasquale	Mazzen S. Shalaby, Student Member

**and**

**The Remaining Members of the Board:**

L.D. Britt, M.D.	Babur B. Lateef, M.D.
Frank M. Conner III	Angela Hucles Mangano
John A. Griffin	Ellen M. Bassett, Faculty Member
Maurice A. Jones	

**FROM:** Susan G. Harris

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the Meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on  
December 11, 2020

The Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in open session, by electronic communication means at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020. Robert D. Hardie, Chair, presided.

Committee Members Present: James B. Murray Jr., Whittington W. Clement, Elizabeth M. Cranwell, Thomas A. DePasquale, Barbara J. Fried, Louis S. Haddad, C. Evans Poston Jr., James V. Reyes, and Mazzen S. Shalaby

Committee Members Absent: Robert M. Blue and Mark T. Bowles

Frank M. Conner III, John A. Griffin, Maurice A. Jones, Babur B. Lateef, M.D., and Ellen M. Bassett were also present.

Present as well were James E. Ryan, Jennifer Wagner Davis, K. Craig Kent, M.D., M. Elizabeth Magill, Jennifer Feist, Margaret S. Grundy, Susan G. Harris, Timothy J. Heaphy, Donna P. Henry, Michael J. Citro, Megan K. Lowe, and Debra D. Rinker.

Presenters: Alice J. Raucher and Colette Sheehy

Mr. Hardie opened the meeting by briefly commenting on the Memorial to Enslaved Laborers. He said it had been named Project of the Year by Architect's Newspaper in its 2020 Best of Design Awards, and also named it the best in the category of public and social impact. He congratulated Alice Raucher and her team and everyone else involved in this extraordinary memorial. He also congratulated President Ryan and the Board of Visitors who moved forward with this project despite not having all of the philanthropic support in place at the time. He then turned the meeting over to Colette Sheehy.

Ms. Sheehy reminded the committee members that Smith Hall had been brought forward at the September Board meeting for design review. This is mostly an interior renovation with a few additions to the exterior of the building. There were no major changes since the September meeting.

Upon motion, the committee approved the following resolution:

#### **SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE SMITH HALL RENOVATION**

RESOLVED, the schematic design for the Smith Hall Renovation, prepared by Glavé & Holmes Architects in collaboration with representatives of the Darden School of Business, the Office of the Architect for the University, and Facilities Management, is approved for further development and construction.

#### **Schematic Design Approval: Observatory Water Treatment Plant**

Ms. Sheehy said the Observatory Water Treatment Plant, located on UVA property and leased to the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (RWSA), is one of the facilities that provides drinking water for the City of Charlottesville and UVA. The existing water treatment buildings were constructed in 1953 and need to be rehabilitated and expanded.

This project includes constructing a new building to house water treatment chemicals; expanding the granular activated carbon treatment and filter buildings; and cleaning and repairing bricks on the remaining structures. Other site work includes creating a looped driveway and a retaining wall. The project will improve the reliability and redundancy of the water treatment plant while maintaining the architectural aesthetic of the site and surrounding campus.

Upon motion, the committee approved the following resolution:

#### **SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE OBSERVATORY WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

RESOLVED, the revised schematic design for the Observatory Water Treatment Plant, prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. in collaboration with the Architect for the

University, representatives of the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority, and other project advisors, is approved for further development and construction. When asked about timing of the project, she said they are hoping finish the construction documents this summer, get it out to bid early, construction in mid-fall and occupancy would be in 2023.

### **Schematic Design Approval: School of Data Science**

Ms. Sheehy said they were asking for approval of the schematic design for the School of Data Science. She reviewed the design in detail and said they were hoping this project would be a beacon at the entry to the new district.

Upon motion, the committee approved the following resolution:

### **SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE SCHOOL OF DATA SCIENCE**

RESOLVED, the schematic design for the School of Data Science, prepared by VMDO Architects with Hopkins Architects in collaboration with representatives of the Office of the Architect for the University, the School of Data Science, the Office of the Provost, and Facilities Management, is approved for further development and construction.

### **Schematic Design Review: Athletics Complex**

Ms. Raucher said this is the first of two times the Board will see the designs for a revised scope for the athletics complex. The new buildings in the athletics complex will be adjacent to the existing Welsh and McCue buildings. The McCue building will be renovated as part of the project. The two additional buildings, for football operations and Olympic sports, will work together with the existing buildings to create a plaza and pedestrian promenade. They draw upon current materials in the athletics district, including brick, which is an affordable material. She showed the committee several slides from various views and said they were looking forward to bringing the plans back to the committee in March.

Athletics Director Carla Williams said the revised scope of the athletics complex will continue to provide the facilities needed by the various sports.

Ms. Raucher spoke briefly about plans to connect the athletics district with Central Grounds and North Grounds. She said the promenade will be a major new connection from Goodwin bridge to Massie Road and North Grounds. Mr. Murray suggested a walkway from Copeley Road through Emmet/Ivy and ending at Alderman Library.

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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

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