

**UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON**

**BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Randall R. Eley  
Elizabeth F. Foster '69  
Martha K. Leighty '75  
Princess R. Moss '83  
J. William Poole  
Patricia B. Revere '63  
Xavier R. Richardson  
Russell H. Roberts  
Nanalou W. Sauder '56  
Daniel K. Steen '84

**Also Present:**

Rosemary Barra, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty for the College of Arts and Sciences  
Meta Braymer, Vice President for Graduate and Professional Studies and Dean of the Faculty  
Bernard M. Chirico, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of the Students  
Mary R. Corbin, Executive Assistant to the President  
Ronald C. Forehand, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Judy G. Hample, President  
F. Douglas Holcombe, CGPS Faculty Representative to the Board  
Richard V. Hurley, Executive Vice President  
Nina Mikhalevsky, Acting Provost and Vice President for Strategy and Policy  
Sean O'Brien, Student Government Association President  
Mary Rigsby, CAS Faculty Representative to the Board  
Jeffrey W. Rountree, Vice President for Advancement and CEO, UMWF  
Amy Andersen Taft, Clerk of the Board  
Martin A. Wilder, Vice President for Enrollment and Communications  
John P. Wiltenmuth, Associate Vice President for Facilities Services  
Khalil Yazdi, CIO and Vice President for Information Technology and Institutional Research

**Absent:**

Benjamin W. Hernandez '95  
C. Maureen Stinger '94

Rector Poole convened the meeting of the Board of Visitors in the Minor Board Room of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center at 8:55 a.m. He introduced the first agenda item, which was the election of the new Executive Committee.

Mr. Steen read the nominations from the July retreat. On motion by Mr. Eley, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and agreed to by all Board members who were present, the election was closed to further nominations. On motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Moss, and agreed to by all Board members who were present, the following Board nominees were unanimously elected: Rector, Ms. Sauder; Vice Rector, Mr. Steen; Secretary, Ms. Revere; At-large members, Ms. Leighty and Ms. Foster.

With the new Executive Committee in place, Rector Sauder introduced the consent agenda, asked Ms. Revere to read each item, and gave members an opportunity to ask questions about any of those items. On motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and agreed to by all Board members who were present, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Dr. Wilder presented an Enrollment and Communications report to the Board. He discussed enrollment targets of the 2008 freshmen class and the extent to which these targets were achieved. One issue that produced considerable discussion was the fact that though offers of admission have increased by 2 percent, only 28 percent of those offered admission actually accepted. Dr. Wilder explained that students are applying to more schools, so there is increased competition with other institutions (so-called "hot" schools) within Virginia and along the East Coast. Students are also offered huge scholarship packages and tuition discounts from both public and private institutions. Finally, the economic downturn has forced many students to stay closer to home and/or to attend community colleges. For all of these reasons, UMW must work even harder to attract talented students to our campus.

Dr. Wilder reviewed results from the 2007 Admitted Student Questionnaire (ASQ), noting both positive and negative perceptions of UMW. He explained that the population of students that UMW typically serves is declining, and the number of high school graduates nationwide will decrease until 2015. After that point, the population will increase again due to the growth of the Hispanic/Latino populations. By 2022, almost half of the high school graduates will be represented by minority groups and first-generation students. He completed his report with several strategic questions for consideration:

- Are we offering the programs needed to attract students?
- The UMW experience: Do we deliver what we promise?
- How can we differentiate ourselves from our competitors?
- How can we compete with other institutions in the realm of scholarships?
- How can we prepare for impending demographic changes?

### **Closed Meeting**

On motion by Ms. Revere, seconded by Ms. Leighty, the Board went into Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3) for acquisition or use of real estate.

At the end of the discussion, on motion by Ms. Revere, seconded by Ms. Leighty, and agreed to by all members, the Board came out of Closed Meeting. In compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Ms. Revere made a motion, seconded by Mr. Steen, to adopt the Certification of Closed Meeting that was read and is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

Ms. Revere called the roll to ascertain whether each member was in agreement with the certification that the purpose of the closed meeting had been strictly adhered to. All members were in agreement.

### **Board Actions**

On motion by Mr. Poole, seconded by Ms. Moss, and agreed to by all Board members who were present, the following resolution that was initially approved by the Executive Committee of the Board was ratified by the full Board:

**RESOLVED** by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the request to permit the Eagle Village project to move forward to the next step in design is approved as presented.

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On motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Leighty, and agreed to by all Board members who were present, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**RESOLVED** by The Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the University intends to lease from the University of Mary Washington Foundation the Eagle Village student apartments that are planned to be constructed as part of the Park N Shop project.

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On motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Ms. Revere, and agreed to by all Board members who were present, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

**RESOLVED** by The Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the balance remaining in the Consolidated General Fund (approximately \$220,000) be transferred to the University of Mary Washington Foundation in the form of a gift to be used in support of previously approved expenditures.

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At the conclusion of these actions, the Board adjourned temporarily to hear the testing of the new area alert sirens on campus. Upon the Board's return, Mr. Hurley reviewed the financial report for the period ending August 31, 2008. He then invited Mr. Wiltenmuth to give an update on campus construction projects including the completion of Lee Hall, the progress of the Dahlgren project, and the extended renovation plan of the residence halls.

### **Closed Session**

On motion by Ms. Revere, seconded by Ms. Foster, the Board went into Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) for personnel issues, and specifically to discuss the Personnel Docket, Part I.

At the end of the discussion, on motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Moss, and agreed to by all members, the Board came out of Closed Meeting. In compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Ms. Revere made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leighty, to adopt the Certification of Closed Meeting that was read and is attached to these minutes as Appendix B. Ms. Revere called the roll to ascertain whether each member was in agreement with the

certification that the purpose of the closed meeting had been strictly adhered to. All members were in agreement.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and agreed to by all Board members who were present, the Personnel Docket, Part I, was approved.

Following the midday break, Rector Sauder discussed her goals for the year ahead and thanked those who served so ably during the last several years. President Hample then gave a summary of current events and initiatives on campus, including open forums for faculty and staff to share their ideas and suggestions for the future of UMW, alumni and Centennial Campaign events, free flu shots for all faculty, staff, and administrators, and efforts to expand and enhance diversity. She also invited all Board members and guests to the faculty reception at Brompton that evening.

Dr. Rigsby and Dr. Holcombe briefly summarized their written reports. Executive Staff members and Mr. O'Brien also reviewed their reports to the Board and entertained questions.

### **Adjournment**

Having no further business to discuss, Ms. Sauder adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:10 p.m. The Board then moved to the Campus Recreation Field for an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Attachments: Appendices A and B

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rector

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary