

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

BOARD OF VISITORS

May 9, 2008

MINUTES

Present:

Randall R. Eley
Elizabeth F. Foster ('69)
Benjamin W. Hernandez ('95)
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:

Amy J. Andersen, Clerk of the Board
Rosemary Barra, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty for the
College of Arts and Sciences
Meta Braymer, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty of the
College of Graduate and Professional Studies
Bernard M. Chirico, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of the Students
Stephen Fuller, CAS Faculty Representative
Mary Rigsby, CAS Faculty Representative Elect
Richard V. Hurley, Acting President and Vice President for Administration and Finance
Nina Mikhalevsky, Acting Provost and Vice President for Strategy and Policy
Jeffrey W. Rountree, Vice President for Advancement
Martin A. Wilder, Vice President for Enrollment and Communications

Absent:

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 2:08 p.m. and invited Dr. Braymer to give a summary of the CGPS awards ceremony the previous evening.

Mr. Hurley introduced Ms. Karen Halderman and Mr. Ron Emmanuel from the Auditors of Public Accounts (APA). Ms. Halderman explained the purpose of the audit which was to review internal controls and determine compliance with state and federal standards. She reported that

UMW had corrected problems from previous audits and received a favorable review for the 2007 fiscal year.

After the APA presentation, Dr. Fuller introduced the President Elect of the CAS Faculty Senate, Dr. Mary Rigsby. Dr. Rigsby will begin her seventeenth year as a faculty member and is a professor of English.

In preparation for emergency and natural disaster response, the University has spent several years developing an Emergency Operations Plan. Mr. Hurley reported that this plan is now complete and ready for formal adoption.

Mr. Paul Messplay provided a detailed presentation of the 2007-08 Tuition and Fees Schedule, as well as the Internal Operating Budget and submitted resolutions for the Board's approval.

Board Actions

On motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Revere, and agreed to by all members who were present, the minutes from the April 18, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed. Mr. Steen and Ms. Stinger were absent from this vote.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Revere, and agreed to by all members who were present, the following resolution was approved. Mr. Steen and Ms. Stinger were absent from this vote.

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Code of Virginia, Chapter 1 of Title 23, requiring public institutions of higher education to develop, adopt, and keep current a written crisis and emergency management plan; to conduct a comprehensive review and revision of said plan every four years, and to formally adopt and certify the revised plan in writing to the Department of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, such a plan has been developed by University of Mary Washington staff in coordination with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management with input from University departments and the city/county Emergency Management Agency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the UMW Emergency Operations Plan, including plans and procedures for both peace time and war-caused disasters, is hereby adopted.

On motion by Ms. Sauder, seconded by Mr. Richardson, and agreed to by all members who were present, the following resolution was approved. Please note that Rector Poole and Mr. Roberts abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Mr. Steen and Ms. Stinger were absent from this vote.

RESOLVED by The Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the 1.97-acre parcel of land in Fredericksburg, Virginia, known as Westmont, is declared to be surplus property for possible sale.

BACKGROUND: The University was recently contacted about conveying its interest in a 1.97-acre parcel of land in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The University has no use for the property and has no nearby interests.

The property is a 60 foot strip of land located at the end of Westmont Drive, off Route 3 across from Westwood Drive, bordered on the west by Oak Hill Cemetery and on the east by Westmont Subdivision. The property has been owned by Mary Washington since 1946, when it was acquired by conveyance to the University of Virginia (Mary Washington College) along with a 45.66 acre tract. The 45.66 acre tract was sold by the University in 2002 to Somerset Idlewild, LLC, but the 1.97 acre strip of land was not mentioned in the deed of conveyance.

The 1.97 acre parcel was intended to be an extension of Westmont Drive, but when the City of Fredericksburg approved Section 2 of Westmont Subdivision, it did not accept the extension of Westmont Drive. The result is that the subdivision plat does not provide a street directly to Lots 18 and 19. The 1.97-acre parcel would provide access to the lots.

On motion by Ms. Sauder, seconded by Ms. Foster, and agreed to by all members who were present, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the Undergraduate and Graduate Tuition and Fee Schedule for the 2008-2009 academic year is hereby approved as presented.

On motion by Ms. Sauder, seconded by Ms. Revere, and agreed to by all members who were present, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the Internal Operating Budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year is hereby approved as presented.

On motion by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and agreed to by all members who were present, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the list of candidates to be awarded degrees from the University during the 2008 Commencement exercises is hereby approved, contingent upon the successful completion of all degree requirements.

On motion by Ms. Leighty, seconded by Ms. Foster, and agreed to by all members who were present, the following resolutions were approved.

RESOLVED by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the Doctor of Humane Letters degree be conferred on May 10, 2008.

WHEREAS, John W. Warner enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II at the age of seventeen and subsequently served in the Korean War as an officer in the Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, from 1969 to 1974 he served first as Undersecretary, then as Secretary, of the Navy during the especially difficult later period of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, thereafter he was appointed by the President to coordinate the Bicentennial Celebration of the nation's founding, directing the federal role in all fifty states and in twenty-two foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 he was elected to the United States Senate, a position to which he was re-elected four times, making him the second-longest serving Senator from Virginia in the history of that institution, and in which capacity, as chairman and ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, he has earned widespread praise for his efforts to modernize the structure and operations of the American military; and

WHEREAS, throughout his lengthy career in the Senate, his legislative and leadership style has been characterized by a dedication to his country that has placed patriotism above partisanship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that in recognition of, and appreciation for, an exemplary career of more than forty years of dedicated service to his country, in times of both war and peace, the degree of Doctorate of Humane Letters be bestowed upon Senator John W. Warner.

Closed Session

On motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Ms. Sauder, the Board went into Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) for personnel matters and Section 2.2-3711 (A) (8) for bequests and gifts. In terms of personnel matters, the board planned specifically to review and discuss the university's personnel docket including the appeals of a denial of promotion.

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

Further Board Actions

On motion by Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and agreed to by all members who were present, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Mary Washington that the Personnel Docket, Part I, dated May 9, 2008, is hereby approved.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Sauder, and agreed to by all members who were present, the Board affirmed the President's decision to deny Faculty Appeal 08-01.

On motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Revere, and agreed to by all members who were present, the Board affirmed the President's decision to deny Faculty Appeal 08-02.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, Mr. Poole adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:15 p.m.

Approved: _____
 Rector

Approved: _____
 Secretary

Attachments: Appendix A