

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON
BOARD OF VISITORS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 17, 2010

Present:

Nanalou W. Sauder, Rector
J. William Poole
Patricia B. Revere
Daniel K. Steen
Mary R. Corbin, Clerk of the Board

Also Present:

Judy G. Hample, President
Other Staff:
George W. Farrar, Associate Vice President of University Relations and Communication
Jay A. Harper, Provost
Richard V. Hurley, Executive Vice President
Other:
Ronald C. Forehand, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Faculty Affairs Committee
Porter R. Blakemore
E. Eric Gable
David W. Kolar
Deborah A. O'Dell, Chair
Mary B. Rigsby
Suzanne Sumner
Faculty Organization and Welfare Committee
Jane L. Huffman, Chair
G. Robert Greene
Other Faculty
F. Douglas Holcombe, CGPS Faculty Representative to the Board

Absent:

Martha K. Leighty

The Rector, Mrs. Sauder, convened the meeting of the University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors Executive Committee at 12:45 p.m. in the Minor Board Room of the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

Committee members reviewed and discussed the agenda for the quarterly meeting of the Board in April. On motion by Mrs. Revere, seconded by Mr. Poole, and agreed to by all Executive Committee members present, the proposed quarterly agenda was approved as revised.

Mr. Hurley discussed the two-step housing selection process currently underway, in which students first express their interest in living on campus, then select their preferred residence hall. He recommended discounting the approved rates for Eagle Landing for the first year, primarily because of objections from students that the rates are too high in the current economy. The proposed reduction will place the rates at Eagle Landing approximately \$500 more than the rates at the UMW Apartments, which are already filled. Mr. Steen made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Revere, and agreed to by all members present, to revise the Eagle Landing Apartment rates for the academic year 2010-11 as presented. The rate for a nine-month double was reduced from \$6900 to \$5950 and for a 12-month double from \$8100 to \$6950.

Rector Sauder called attention to the Statement of Nondiscrimination approved by the Board of Visitors in 1991, and asked Vice Rector Steen to chair the Executive Committee meeting so that she could make a motion to adopt the following statement.

The Board of Visitors adopted the following statement of nondiscrimination on May 10, 1991:

The University of Mary Washington subscribes to the principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, national origin, political affiliations, marital status, sexual orientation, sex, or age in recruiting, admitting, enrolling students or hiring and promoting faculty and staff members. The University will not recognize or condone student, faculty, or staff organizations that discriminate in selecting members. Complaints of discrimination should be directed to the AAEEEO officer of the University.

The Executive Committee of the Board, acting on behalf of the Board, continues to support the principles expressed in the 1991 statement.

Closed Session

On motion by Mrs. Revere, seconded by Mr. Poole, the Executive Committee went into Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (7) of the Code of Virginia for legal advice. Dr. Hample, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Forehand, Dr. Harper, Mr. Hurley, and Mrs. Corbin remained for the meeting. At the end of the discussion, on motion by Mrs. Revere, seconded by Mrs. Sauder, and agreed to by all members present, the Executive Committee came out of Closed Meeting. In compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Mrs. Revere made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sauder, to adopt the Certification of Closed Meeting that was read and is attached to these minutes as Appendix A. Mrs. 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 present were in agreement.

Mr. Steen read the motion by Mrs. Sauder that was seconded by Mrs. Revere and agreed to by all members present. Rector Sauder then resumed her position as chair of the Executive Committee meeting.

Rector Sauder noted that the Executive Committee met on March 7, 2010, with most of the other Board members present and decided that the Executive Committee would appoint an acting president on March 17, 2010. She requested nominations for an acting president. Mr. Steen moved, Mrs. Revere seconded, and all members present approved the appointment of Richard V. Hurley as Acting President, effective April 1, 2010.

Rector Sauder reported on information gleaned from a review of the chronologies and notes from the last two presidential searches at the University of Mary Washington. She noted little change in what the University needs now and what it decided it needed in 2005-6 and 2007-8. Much progress has been made academically since then, and there is now a path to follow. She has received comments from many regarding what the institution needs going forward.

Mr. Steen thanked President Hample for her service and her work to move the University forward, noting in particular the academic progress made during her tenure as President and the Strategic Plan, both in the face of large budget cuts.

Board members discussed the upcoming conference of the Association of Governing Boards, then recessed until the scheduled meetings with faculty.

At 3:30 p.m., the Executive Committee was joined by members of the Faculty Affairs Committee and the Faculty Organization and Welfare Committee. Following introductions, Dr. Huffman presented items for discussion based on her conversations with faculty at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. With regard to the transition from two to three colleges, she noted that faculty are excited by the opportunity to be involved at the ground level. However, there are some aspects of the transition with which faculty feel invisible, resulting in low morale. In order to rebuild trust, she requested that faculty be engaged in the transition process, that someone from the Stafford campus be included on all committees moving forward, and that the Deans of each college have a presence at Stafford. Provost Harper noted that the faculty have had input into all recommendations included on the Board's agenda in April, and assured them they will have input with decisions yet to be made. As a final item, Dr. Holcombe requested that the current level of student services at the Stafford campus be maintained.

Dr. Kolar shared the results of a child-care survey following a three-year contract with Medicorp and recommended Board support to continue the program, which is subsidized by the UMW Foundation. There are several operational issues which must be addressed, but overall, the program is considered a valuable tool for the attraction and retention of faculty and staff.

Dr. O'Dell read a Faculty Senate resolution regarding the University's nondiscrimination statement. Rector Sauder informed the faculty of the motion passed earlier in the meeting by the Executive Committee to support the principles expressed in the UMW Nondiscrimination Statement passed by the Board in May 1991.

The final agenda item was the role of the UMW faculty in the search process for a new president. Rector Sauder noted that she expects the Board to decide on the process in April. In the meantime, she is listening to faculty and staff who have called and sent emails. No one has supported the idea of a national search. All have been consistent in what is needed as the

University moves forward, advising that we look from within the University or the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mrs. Sauder invited comments from the faculty before April 4. She is also reviewing comments made at public forums in 2005 prior to a former presidential search.

Dr. O'Dell thanked Dr. Hample and the Board for their time and attention, and thanked President Hample for her leadership.

Adjournment

There being no further items on the agenda, in compliance with Article VI of the Bylaws, the Rector declared the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Approved: _____
Rector

Approved: _____
Secretary

Attachments Appendix A – Closed Meeting Certification