A regular meeting of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Thursday, September 20, 1979, at 9:00 a.m. in the School of Business Auditorium at 1015 Floyd Avenue.

Present were Drs. Blanton, Butt, Gayle, Johnson and Nemuth; Messrs. Balfour, Bliley, Grey, Seaborn, Shumate and Wyatt; and Mesdames Bemiss, Fewell, Satterfield and Thalhimer. Also present were Drs. Ackel, Beller, Hall, Wilson and Woods; Messrs. Bruegman, Guerdon and Ross; Miss Cosby and Miss Mills.

Dr. Blanton called the meeting to order and apologized for the ten minute delay in starting the meeting. At this time members of the Save Our Homes Organization asked for recognition. Dr. Blanton proceeded with the first order of business as that organization left the auditorium.

On motion made and seconded, the following minutes were approved: Regular Meeting of the Audit Committee, held June 29, 1979; Regular Meeting of the Board of Visitors; held July 19, 1979; Regular Meeting of the Hospital Committee, held August 23, 1979; Regular Meeting of the Property Committee, held August 27, 1979; Regular Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee, held September 6, 1979; and Regular Meeting of the Audit Committee, held September 11, 1979.

The Proposed Policies and Procedures for Open Meetings were approved on motion made and seconded.
The Report of the President followed. Dr. Ackell presented these issues to the Board:

1. The search for the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences is underway. Interviews with candidates will be taking place over the next several weeks and we hope to have a Dean selected by the end of the semester.

2. On Saturday, September 15, 1979, Dr. Ackell and various university administrators attended the Faculty Senate Retreat. Mrs. Satterfield and Mrs. Thalhimer also attended the Retreat. Dr. Ackell felt that it was a good opportunity to meet and discuss areas of importance with members of the Faculty Senate. One area that was of concern to the Faculty Senate was the communications breakdown within the various schools and departments. The University administration plans to utilize the "VCU Today" publication as an organ of communication. This is published every two weeks and has wide distribution on both campuses.

Mrs. Satterfield commented that she felt the Retreat was very successful. Mrs. Thalhimer was pleased with the joint attitude of both campuses.

3. Dr. Ackell reported that Virginia National Bank has installed a card banking system in the Hibbs Building as a service to students and employees.

4. The dental school programs will be visited and reviewed by an on-site team next week from the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association.

5. Dr. Ackell reported on this year's athletic program. We have 13 teams involved in intercollegiate competition. These include women's sports consisting of volleyball, field hockey, basketball, tennis, swimming and men's teams of soccer, wrestling, basketball, golf, tennis, swimming, baseball and cross-country. He also reported that two of the men's games will be televised regionally.

6. The April performance of Mr. Frantisek Smetana will be broadcast as part of the Recital Hall Series of the National Public Radio system on WRFK radio station sometime in December. Dr. Ackell will inform the Board of the exact date once it becomes known.

7. VCU is the only institution in the country investigating the effects of carbon dioxide laser beams on tissue in surgery. We are one of two institutions to use it in surgery. Carbon dioxide laser beams vaporize tissues.

8. The School of Social Work has just been awarded a grant for $200,000 for each of five years by HEW. It is a Child Welfare Training Grant to establish a Region III training center. Region III encompasses Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.
9. Dr. Ackell reported that the Presidents of Old Dominion University and George Mason University joined him at a meeting with legislators of this area to present some key issues for urban institutions. These issues include: libraries' acquisitions, residence hall facilities for students, support services, salaries, and the 70/30 Plan. Dr. Ackell will also be joining these presidents at meetings in their areas. Dr. Blanton commented briefly on the meeting and was pleased to participate. He suggested that Dr. Ackell provide the Board members with the handout that was distributed to the legislators.

Mr. James Guerdon reported on Contract Signed Since the July Board of Visitors' meeting. On motion made and seconded, the Reports of Contracts Signed Since the July Board Meeting were approved with Messrs. Grey and Shumate abstaining.

Mr. Donald Bruegman presented the Mission Explication statement. This proposed statement is drawn up for inclusion in The Virginia Plan to be published by State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

Mr. Bruegman informed the Board that this statement is an updated version of an earlier Mission Statement and the format is prescribed by the State Council. Following discussion, on motion made and seconded, the Mission Explication Statement was approved with the understanding that Mrs. Bemiss' comment, that the primary objective of the institution is to provide a broad based education, is to be included in the Statement.

Mr. Guerdon presented a resolution for a loan for the Student Commons Building. On motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, Virginia Commonwealth University has received the necessary authorization and approval to proceed with the construction of the capital construction project titled, "Student Commons Building" (the "Project");

WHEREAS, permanent financing of the Project will be achieved through the issuance of revenue bonds, which will be issued upon the completion of the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to secure temporary and interim financing for construction of the Project;
Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University, that the Vice President for Finance be and is hereby authorized to secure an interim loan in an amount not to exceed $5,862,800 from the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia to finance the construction of the Project, such loan to be repaid from the proceeds of the revenue bonds which shall be issued upon the completion of construction of the Project.

Mr. Guerdon presented a resolution for signature authorization. On motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS, the Treasurer of Virginia Commonwealth University, W. Carter Childress, retired on June 30, 1979, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University that the person who holds the office of Treasurer of Virginia Commonwealth University be vested with the authority to sign and execute checks, drafts and other similar orders for the payment of monies from any and all accounts, funds and other similar sources owned, controlled, maintained by or entrusted to the University;

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University that the newly appointed Treasurer, Mr. F. W. Taylor be and is hereby authorized, in furtherance of the proper business and financial affairs of the University, to sign and execute, checks, drafts, and other such documents and orders as may be necessary to facilitate the payment of monies from any and all accounts, funds or other similar sources owned, controlled, maintained by or entrusted to Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Blanton asked Mr. Guerdon to prepare a resolution commending Mr. W. Carter Childress, retired Treasurer, for his loyal service to the University and the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Blanton reported that the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors had not met and had no report for the Board.

Mrs. Satterfield reported that the Academic Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors had not met and also had no report at this time.

Mr. Seaborn presented the Report of the Audit Committee. At their last meeting on September 11, 1979, they met with Mr. James Johnson, Internal Audit Director. Discussion at this meeting was centered around the functions of this department and the present staff of his department. Mr. Seaborn stated that he plans to keep the Board of Visitors advised
of this department's audit reports as they become available. This committee is also planning to meet with members of the Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell staff to develop a better understanding of the function and responsibilities of the Internal Audit Department. On motion made and seconded, the report of the Audit Committee was approved.

Mr. Grey gave the Report of the Hospital Committee. He reported that the hospital is in a much better financial condition than it was one year ago. The number of patient days are up, as are the number of professional nurses on the staff. He indicated to the Board that a reduction in State funds on a percentage basis will be a future area of concern for the hospital. He reported that the new hospital administration is completed. The hospital construction projects has a planned completion date of March, 1981, but Mr. Grey feels we will have a more realistic date within three to four weeks. He reported that MCV Hospital had received a one-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. Following discussion, on motion made and seconded, the report of the Hospital Committee was approved.

Dr. Gayle presented the Report of the Student Affairs Committee. The meeting on September 6, 1979, was primarily to familiarize the new members of the Committee with the Student Affairs area. Dr. Gayle remarked that this committee plans to keep an eye on the progress of the student government on the Academic Campus. Following discussion, on motion made and seconded, the report of the Student Affairs Committee was approved.

On motion made and seconded, the Board went into executive session to discuss certain personnel matters involving the performance of identifiable employees or faculty of VCU, and to discuss pending litigation with our attorney, and to discuss the condition, acquisition, and use of real
property, and to discuss matters relating to gifts, bequests, and fund raising activities as authorized by section 2.1-344 a(1), a(2), a(6), and a(7) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Board of Visitors reconvened in public session at 12:45 p.m. The Report of the Legal Advisor, Faculty Appointments and Changes in Status, Report of Gifts, Grants and Contracts, Report of the Property Committee and Appointment of Continuing Faculty were approved on motion made and seconded. Dr. Blanton noted that during the executive session of the meeting he had expressed to the members of the Board of Visitors the concern of students with regard to property acquisition.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Approved:

Wyndham B. Blanton, Jr., Rector

James L. Seaborn, Jr., Secretary