A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
BOARD OF VISITORS OF
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
June 26, 2007

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 2 p.m. in the Richmond Salons 1 and 2 located in the University Student Commons at 907 Floyd Avenue. The full Board was invited to attend.

Present were Drs. Bersoff (Rector) and Romano; Messrs. Axselle, Rosenthal and Sherman; and Mrs. Rhodes. Mrs. Lambert was absent. Other Board members present were Dr. Broaddus and Mr. Snead. Also present were Drs. Trani, Gottfredson, Macrina, Retchin, Rhone and Rodriguez; Messrs. Bennett, Gehring, Ohlinger, Ross and Wyeth; and Mesdames Balmer, Lepley and Messmer.

The meeting was called to order. The Rector advised that the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors would deviate from the normal practice by allowing a public comment session on the matter of the proposed amendment to VCU's Master Site Plan following the presentation of the proposed amendment. He stated that the Executive Committee would allow a maximum of thirty minutes for public comment, with fifteen minutes for those who wish to speak in support of the proposed amendment, and fifteen minutes for those who wish to speak in opposition to the proposed amendment. The Rector advised that the Committee would utilize the following procedures:

The Rector asked that those who wish to speak in support of or in opposition to the amendment organize speakers to maximize the benefit of the time on the respective positions regarding the issue. He stated that it would be helpful if those in support and those in opposition would identify a coordinator to organize the speakers for the respective positions.
If the speakers choose not to organize, the Rector advised that the Committee will need to limit each speaker to three minutes. Karen Balmer, Assistant to the Board of Visitors, would then be mindful of the time for each speaker. The Rector emphasized that this is not a debate, but rather, an opportunity for the Board members to hear the speakers’ thoughts.

The Proposed Amendment to the Master Site Plan and the Proposed Project Plans for the Cary Street Recreation Center were presented. It was proposed that the 2004 VCU 2020 Master Site Plan should be amended to reflect the adjustment of the Plan’s border based on land acquisition, and to include refinement of the Cary Street Recreation Center plans. In order to reflect the acquisition of 911 Green Alley and eliminate any potential uncertainty concerning compliance with the Appropriation Act, the amendment to the 2004 VCU 2020 Master Site Plan is needed to redraw the boundary in the vicinity of the Cary Street Gymnasium to include the 911 Green Alley property. The approval of the amendment to the 2004 VCU 2020 Master Site Plan will enable development of additional space needed to serve the recreational needs of the increasing University population.

The Executive Committee adjourned for a brief break so that those wishing to speak could organize. Following the break, individuals speaking in opposition of the amendment were Todd Woodson, Napi Ippolito, David Herring, James (Tuck) Sties, Jennifer Hancock and Kelly Lane. Individuals speaking in favor of the amendment were Henry Rhone, Jessica Lee, Darrell Cason, TK Somanath, Dan Massey and Reuban Rodriguez.

After discussion and on motion made and seconded, the Executive Committee approved, by roll call vote, VCU’s Proposed Amendment to the Master Site Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.
Thomas G. Rosenthal, Rector

Anne J. G. Rhodes, Secretary