

The University of Virginia's College at Wise
College Board Minutes

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD

Friday, February 5, 2021

Hybrid Meeting: In-person and Electronic

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Marcia A. Gilliam
Chair

Lewey K. Lee
Vice Chair

Tentative Agenda

9:00 a.m.	CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS	Marcia A. Gilliam
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pledge of Allegiance• Adoption of Agenda• Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2020 Board Meeting	
	REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR	Lewey K. Lee
	REMARKS BY ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE	Joseph R. Carico
	REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER	Madelyn Lawrence

ACTION ITEMS

UVA WISE 2021-2022 TUITION AND FEES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
UVA WISE 2021-2022 HOUSING RATES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
UVA WISE 2021-2022 DINING RATES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
UVA WISE PARKING FEES AND FINES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
UVA WISE CONFERENCE RATES	Donna P. Henry Sim E. Ewing
COALFIELDS EXPRESSWAY RESOLUTION	Marcia A. Gilliam
SPECIAL RECOGNITION	Marcia A. Gilliam

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Code of Virginia section 2.2-3712(A)(8) for the Purpose of Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding First Amendment and State Law regarding Speech and Expressive Activities on Campus.

REPORT ITEM

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Donna P. Henry

- COVID-19 Report
- Spring 2021 and Fall 2021 Enrollment
- Retirements

11:00 a.m. CLOSING REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR

Donna P. Henry

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

All

CLOSING REMARKS BY CHAIR

Marcia A. Gilliam

Minutes

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

February 5, 2021

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. In light of safety precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held in a hybrid format. Members were given the option to participate in-person or electronically. Members who were present in-person were Mike Allen, Joseph Carico, Marcia Gilliam, Marvin Gilliam, Leton Harding, Madelyn Lawrence, Karen Mullins and Jeffery Sturgill. Members who were present electronically were Katheryn Curtis, Jonette Dixon Carpenter, Jim Gott, Don Green, George Hunnicutt, Fran Hunt, Ruby Rogers, Joseph Frank Smiddy, Dawneda Williams and Roger Viers. Members absent were Lewey Lee, Robert Stallard and Mike Thomas.

Chair Marcia Gilliam presided over the meeting, and Huda Aden recorded minutes. Ms. Gilliam opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Fran Hunt to approve the agenda as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Karen Mullins and seconded by Joey Carico to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2020 meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Chair: Ms. Gilliam introduced Barry Meek, UVA Associate University Counsel. Ms. Gilliam then remarked on the women's basketball team and spring athletics, and discussed tentative commencement plans on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9, 2021. She also provided a report on behalf of College Board Vice Chair and Honor the Future Campaign Co-Chair, Lewey Lee, regarding great progress toward the Campaign as well as the growing endowment that stands at \$131 million.

Remarks by Alumni Association Representative: Mr. Carico reported that the *Virtual Tasting Event and Virtual Cavalier Alumni Celebration* was very successful in terms of participation and fundraising. He also shared that Alumni Association Chairman Fran Hunt has requested that Lonesome Pine Country Club reserve dates for this year's 26th Annual Community Spring Swing event. The details will be shared with the Board as soon as plans are finalized. Additionally, the Alumni Association Board of Directors held a virtual meeting on November 17, 2020. The annual audit was presented at this meeting for review. The Audit Committee met via Zoom the evening before with the auditors. No exceptions were found and a clean audit was accepted by the Board.

In his remarks, Mr. Carico also recognized retirees Vice Chancellor and COO Sim Ewing and Chief of Police Ronnie Shortt. He commended Mr. Ewing for his course on government that was a great influence on Mr. Carico as a student. He also said that Mr. Shortt was very supportive of Mr. Carico during the Bar exam review.

Remarks by Student Member: Ms. Lawrence reflected on the past year. She commended the student body for persevering and succeeding in light of the pandemic, and credited the College Board, faculty, staff and administration with enabling student

success. As chief justice of the student conduct board, she has a unique vantage point into student violations related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which she said were minimal, amounting to only a handful of cases all year. By and large, students have been compliant with COVID-19 protocols and have not been reported to disciplinary bodies for misconduct or non-compliance. Additionally, students have remained resilient in and out of the classroom in a year marked by numerous changes, constant adjustments, and mental health challenges.

After being approached by students and their parents about mental health challenges, Ms. Lawrence conducted research and found that according to a CDC report, as of June 2020, 40% of U.S. adults reported struggling with some sort of mental health issue, such as depression or anxiety, as a result of the pandemic. The College is no exception, she said. To address mental health needs, Ms. Lawrence and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Jewell Worley, have begun to develop a plan for a COVID support group on campus. She said, "in times like these . . . we all need to be shown that we are not alone and there are others who have experienced what we have and are struggling just as we are." She expressed a hope that students, and eventually faculty and staff, could benefit from this support group.

Dr. Smiddy thanked Ms. Lawrence for her remarks. He discussed various long-term conditions and symptoms that are presenting clinically at the Health Wagon. He said each person feels differently in terms of symptoms and recovery. The Health Wagon is currently working with COVID-19 survivors, specifically in relation to their malaise and depression. Dr. Smiddy offered his support to the College.

Mr. Leton asked what can be done immediately to support students. Ms. Lawrence responded that a natural next step is to survey students and evaluate interests and needs related to the virus and recovery. Ms. Worley discussed the Counseling Center and its model for seeing student patients. She said counseling care includes a full range of services in socially-distanced office visits or virtual visits. Since UVA Wise counselors hold active licenses in Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, the counseling services can even be offered to off-campus students in these states. Ms. Gilliam asked when the first support group would occur, and Ms. Worley responded that it would be scheduled soon. We will engage with our campus to develop the first session, she said. Chancellor Henry said that students also have access to tele-psychiatric care through the UVA Health Clinic affiliated with the UVA Health System.

Ms. Lawrence thanked the Board for their support on this initiative and said she is open to comments, questions, or feedback.

ACTION ITEMS

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Tuition and Fees: Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, Sim Ewing, presented a proposal which would raise tuition within a range of 0 to 3 percent. The rate increase is dependent on funding action from the Virginia General Assembly. At this time, the College awaits further information related to its funding levels for the next fiscal year. The College can make a more accurate assessment of its revenue once this information is available. It is the College's desire to keep tuition and fees as low

as possible for students. The Board's Executive Committee will convene at a later date to recommend a proposal for tuition and fees for the Board of Visitors to consider.

Mr. Harding asked how a federal wage increase will impact the College. Mr. Ewing responded that the College has already begun planning wage scenarios because the Commonwealth has already advanced a plan for wage increases.

Mr. Harding also asked how UVA Wise's tuition compares to other regional colleges and universities. Mr. Ewing responded that colleges and universities in nearby states offer very competitive tuition rates because they receive greater funding from the state.

Ms. Curtis asked what the University of Virginia is planning with regard to tuition increases. In the past, the College at Wise has been in alignment with the University's plan. Will the same be true again this year, she asked. Mr. Ewing responded that the University is also considering a similar range, up to 3%, for a tuition and fees increase.

Ms. Curtis also expressed concerned that annual tuition increases might prevent the College from attracting the very students we seek to attract. She asked whether UVA would be amenable to supporting the College in its effort to maintain low tuition costs. Mr. Ewing said that UVA Wise is comparatively affordable to other higher education institutions in the Commonwealth. The College will maintain its position as having the third lowest tuition in Virginia even with an increase of 3%. He added that UVA is also facing unprecedented pressures on its revenue model given the pandemic, particularly relating to the Health System.

Chancellor Henry said everyone is trying to hold tuition and fees low but every institution is facing its own set of challenges and uncertainty, she said. She also added that UVA has been very generous to the College on a number of fronts, including funds for marketing and recruitment. Chancellor Henry reiterated a commitment that the College does not want to outprice students and families who are seeking an affordable education.

A motion was made by Katheryn Curtis and seconded by Marvin Gilliam to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Housing Rates: Mr. Ewing presented a proposal to increase housing rental rates by 2%, or the cost of inflation. Ms. Curtis asked for information on cost containment measures. Examples cited were the Early Retirement Incentive Program and a utility cost reduction program. Mr. Allen asked for the occupation rate of residence halls, and asked whether the College could fill more beds and rooms. Mr. Leton asked whether the pandemic has caused more students to commute or to do course work online or at a distance. Mr. Ewing responded that there is capacity in the residence halls that the Colleges will fill up again. Ms. Lawrence said that she expects more students to return to living on campus next year because the face-to-face interactions are important for learning and social purposes.

A motion was made by Joseph Frank Smiddy and seconded by Karen Mullins to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Dining Rates: Mr. Ewing presented a proposal to increase dining rates by 4%. Chancellor Henry commented that one thing that has impacted dining rates this year is that we have not had any catering events at the College due to the pandemic. This has had an impact on the revenue from dining services.

A motion was made by Fran Hunt and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Parking Fees and Fines: A 3% increase is proposed to parking fees due to the increased cost of operating and maintaining the campus parking structures. No increase is proposed to parking fines.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Fran Hunt to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Conference Rates: Mr. Ewing presented a proposal that would maintain conference and event rates level with the current fiscal year.

A motion was made by Fran Hunt and seconded by Joey Carico to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise 2021-2022 Coalfields Expressway Resolution: This resolution supports the adoption of House Bill 2253 to impose a 48-month moratorium on the repayment of funds allocated for a bonded project pursuant to the Economic Development Access Program.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Karen Mullins to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Special Recognition: A resolution recognizing retiree Linda Miller was read. A motion was made by Karen Mullins and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

CLOSED SESSION

As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 a motion was made by George Hunnicutt and seconded by Roger Viers to convene in closed session for the purpose of considering promotion and tenure candidates. A motion was made to reconvene in open session. The motion received unanimous approval.

As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712(d), a roll call vote was taken in open session noting only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only public business as identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting of the public body.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

REPORT ITEMS

Report of the Chancellor: Chancellor Henry shared updates from the College. Given the retirements of Sim Ewing and Jewell Worley, UVA Wise has engaged an external firm to assist in the national, competitive searches for a Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration and a Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. The job descriptions will be advertised on higher education job boards and outlets. Chancellor Henry said she would continue to keep the Board apprised of developments and progress on these searches. Chancellor Henry commended the Student Affairs team for their creative programming to engage students safely during the pandemic, saying that “she has been amazed at what [the team] has been able to pull off for students.” For example, on a recent snowy day on campus, students were able to enjoy sleds and snow tubes for outdoor recreation. Chancellor Henry also thanked Don Green and the Napoleon Hill Foundation for supplying books for a community read-in in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Chris Dearth, shared a financial aid brochure with members of the Board and provided a brief outlook on admissions and financial aid.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

In closing, Ms. Gilliam thanked College Board for their attendance and participation. She acknowledged retirees Sim Ewing, Jewell Worley and Ronnie Shortt, and said the Board would plan to celebrate and recognize them formally.

There being no additional business or comments, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m. and Ms. Gilliam thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mullins, Secretary

Resolutions Approved by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

1. UVA Wise Tuition and Required Fees

APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO SET THE FINAL TUITION, REQUIRED FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE FOR FISCAL 2021-2022 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the College Board heard and discussed tuition and fee increases which were presented within a range of zero to three percent,

WHEREAS, the College Board wishing to maintain affordability for the College's students, needs to be informed of what the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia is proposing for state funding in its Fiscal Year 2022 Budget,

WHEREAS, the College Board in conjunction with the Board of Visitors is required to hold an opportunity for public expression on proposed tuition and fee increases,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the UVA Wise College Board authorizes the Executive Committee of the College Board to recommend to the Board of Visitors the College's proposed rate of increase for tuition, required fees and other charges within the range discussed by the College Board at its meeting of February 5, 2021.

	In State				Out Of State			
	2020-21 Approved	Increase	Percent Increase	2021-22 Proposed	2020-21 Approved	Increase	Percent Increase	2021-22 Proposed
Undergraduate Programs (Full-time students with 12 hrs or more per semester)								
Full time Students (12 hrs or more per semester)								
Tuition	\$ 5,693	\$ 171	3.0%	\$ 5,864	\$ 23,960	\$ 719	3.0%	\$ 24,679
Required E&G Fees	\$ 173	\$ 5	2.9%	\$ 178	\$ 868	\$ 5	0.6%	\$ 873
Auxiliary Fees	\$ 4,970	\$ 149	3.0%	\$ 5,119	\$ 4,970	\$ 149	3.0%	\$ 5,119
Students taking more than 18 credit hours per semester must pay for the additional hours at the tuition rates listed below:								
Other Undergraduate Charges								
Part-time Students Tuition Per Hour (Less than 12 hours per semester)	\$ 243	\$ 7	2.9%	\$ 250	\$ 1,014	\$ 30	3.0%	\$ 1,044
Part-time Students Required E&G Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 2	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2	\$ 22	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 22
Part-time Students Required Auxiliary Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 157	\$ 5	3.2%	\$ 162	\$ 157	\$ 5	3.2%	\$ 162
Part-time Students Required E&G Fee Flat Rate (7-11 hours per semester)	\$ 38	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 39	\$ 39	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 40
Off-Campus Instruction per hour	\$ 243	\$ 7	2.9%	\$ 250	\$ 1,014	\$ 30	3.0%	\$ 1,044
Off-Campus Instruction Required E&G Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 2	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2	\$ 22	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 22
Off-Campus Instruction Required Auxiliary Fees Per Hour (1-11 hours per semester)	\$ 4	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 4
Off-Campus Instruction Required E&G Fee Flat Rate (7-11 hours per semester)	\$ 38	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 39	\$ 39	\$ 1	2.6%	\$ 40
Note-UVA Wise will propose a tuition and fee increase between 0%-3% per our Six Year Plan. The numbers reflected above demonstrate the costs at the top of the range at 3%.								

2. Student Housing Rental Rates

APPROVAL OF STUDENT HOUSING RENTAL RATES

WHEREAS, the College provides affordable, high-quality housing to students desiring to reside on campus; and

WHEREAS, College housing enhances the students overall collegiate experience and strengthens their academic achievement and life experiences through residential programming opportunities,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the rental rates for regular and summer session student housing be increased by 2.0 percent, effective July 1, 2021.

Student Housing Rental Rates

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>%</u>
McCrary, Asbury, Thompson, Henson, Martha Randolph,	\$6,783*	\$6,919*	2.0%
Culbertson and Residence Hall III			
*Per academic year			
Summer Rate Per Term	\$ 550	\$ 561	2.0%

3. UVA Wise 2021-2022 Dining Rates

APPROVAL OF STUDENT MEAL PLAN RATES

WHEREAS, the College provides affordable meals to students desiring to utilize the dining services on campus; and

WHEREAS, the College negotiates annually with the food service provider;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the meal rates for the College's food service plan be adopted as follows with a 4.0 percent increase for residential plans effective July 1, 2021.

4. UVA Wise Parking Fees and Fines

APPROVAL OF PARKING FEES AND FINES

WHEREAS, the College provides parking facilities to faculty, staff and students; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth does not provide funding for development, maintenance and operation of parking facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board approves the proposed three percent increase in parking fees and no increase in parking fines, effective July 1, 2021.

5. Conference, Event & Wellness Rate

APPROVAL OF THE UVA WISE CONFERENCE AND EVENT RATE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, the College provides Conference, Events, Greear and Wellness locations and services to organizations and individuals which enables the College to financially support the operational mission of the College and as such recommends a three percent increase in meals; and

WHEREAS, these services enable the College to market itself to prospective students and provides opportunities for the region to showcase itself;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the College provides Conference, Events Rates are recommended that they be submitted to the Board of Visitors for approval at the current approved for Fiscal Year 2022 on this the 5th of February, 2021.

6. Resolution Supporting Adoption of HB 2253 Economic Development Access Program, Bonded Projects

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2253 was created to impose a 48-month moratorium on the repayment of funds allocated for a bonded project pursuant to the Economic Development Access Program due to the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions placed on the economy; and,

WHEREAS, provided that the conditions of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's economic development access policy are met; and,

WHEREAS, the adoption of House Bill No. 2253 will guarantee compliance of qualifying investments or activation of repayment clause if such investment is not created at the end of the 48-month moratorium; and,

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 2253 is critical to economic development entities, localities, and their economic development efforts in Southwest Virginia; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the importance of House Bill No. 2253 to the localities in Southwest Virginia, the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board does hereby urge the Commonwealth of Virginia House and Senate to do all that they can to adopt the House Bill No. 2253 in as expeditious manner as possible for the benefit of the Commonwealth's localities in Southwest Virginia.

Adopted in Wise, Virginia, by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board on February 5, 2021

7. Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Linda Miller

WHEREAS, Linda Miller has provided invaluable service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise as an Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor since 2010; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller has capably supported the Office of the Chancellor under both Chancellor Donna Price Henry and the late Chancellor David J. Prior and was dutiful in her constant assistance to the Chancellor, the Chancellor's Executive Assistants Dawn Jessee and Rue Gembach, and countless College constituents such as students, employees, and the public; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller maintained meticulous paper and electronic files for the Office of the Chancellor, greatly easing Chancellor Henry's transition to Office as well as the transitions of new staff; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller has always been welcoming and hospitable to everyone who passed through the Office of the Chancellor including visitors of all kinds such as students, faculty, staff, alumni, state and local officials, dignitaries, members of the press, UVA leadership and countless more; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller contributed to the success of countless projects and the production of numerous documents during her decade-long tenure at UVA Wise; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller has taken immense pride in her work ethic and collegiality dating back to her first employer, Wise County National Bank, which she faithfully served for 28 years; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Linda Miller their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, February 5, 2021.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Electronic Meeting
Livestream Available: <https://youtu.be/VMcX-OjBCI4>

Marcia A. Gilliam
Chair

Lewey K. Lee
Vice Chair

Tentative Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order and Welcome | Marcia A. Gilliam |
| 2. Action Item <ul style="list-style-type: none">• UVA Wise Proposed FY22 Tuition and Fees | Marcia A. Gilliam |
| 3. Report of the Chancellor | Donna P. Henry |
| 4. Comments from Executive Committee Members | All |
| 5. Closing Remarks by Chair | Marcia A. Gilliam |

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD

Friday, May 7, 2021

Hybrid Meeting: In-person and Electronic

Livestream Available: <https://youtu.be/rauwW3CkWvw>

Marcia A. Gilliam
Chair

Lewey K. Lee
Vice Chair

Tentative Agenda

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	REMARKS BY ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE	Joseph R. Carico
	REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER	Madelyn Lawrence

CLOSED SESSION

PROMOTION AND TENURE

**Donna P. Henry
Trisha Folds-Bennett**

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS

PROMOTION AND TENURE

**Donna P. Henry
Trisha Folds-Bennett**

UVA WISE PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022

**Donna P. Henry
Joe Kiser**

NAMING OPPORTUNITY

**Donna P. Henry
Valerie S. Lawson**

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Marcia A. Gilliam

BOARD MEETING DATES 2021-2022

Marcia A. Gilliam

ELECTION OF THE BOARD CLERK

Marcia A. Gilliam

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Marcia A. Gilliam

REPORT ITEMS

STRATEGIC PLAN

**Donna P. Henry
Trisha Folds-Bennett**

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Donna P. Henry

11:30 a.m. CLOSING REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR

Donna P. Henry

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

All

CLOSING REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR

Marcia A. Gilliam

Minutes

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

May 7, 2021

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met electronically on Friday, May 7, 2021 at 9 a.m. In light of safety precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held in a hybrid format. Members were given the option to participate in-person or electronically. Members who were present in-person were Joseph Carico, Don Green, Leton Harding, Madelyn Lawrence, Lewey Lee, Karen Mullins, Jeffery Sturgill, Mike Thomas and Roger Viers. Members who were present electronically or by phone were Mike Allen, Katheryn Curtis, Jonette Dixon Carpenter, Jim Gott, Fran Hunt, and Dawneda Williams. Members absent were Marcia Gilliam, Marvin Gilliam, George Hunnicutt, Ruby Rogers, Joseph Frank Smiddy and Robert Stallard.

Vice Chair Lewey Lee presided over the meeting, and Huda Aden recorded minutes. Mr. Lee opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Jeffery Sturgill and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the agenda as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Roger Viers and seconded by Karen Mullins to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2021 meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Vice Chair: Mr. Lee read a statement reminding meeting participants that this meeting is of a hybrid nature which includes several Board members joining by Zoom and phone in addition to the members attending in-person. Campus community members and the public may view the meeting on YouTube livestream. Mr. Lee thanked the UVA Wise retirees for their 800 years of service (collectively) and their wisdom. He referred Board members to the list of retirees available in their Board materials. Mr. Lee then reviewed plans for the Commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021.

Remarks by Alumni Association President: Mr. Carico reported on successful spring alumni events, among them was a virtual alumni bingo game. At one event, Professor Michael O'Donnell who is retiring this spring was given the floor to address alumni. Alumni enjoyed remarks from Professor "OD" and were very complementary of the event. As a result, Mr. Carico suggested that the Alumni Association host events featuring faculty on a more frequent basis. He also said it might be beneficial to video record and archive these events so they can be displayed at Alumni Hall during high traffic periods. Mr. Carico then announced new officers for the Alumni Association. The incoming president is Jimmy Adkins '04.

Remarks by Student Member: For her final remarks as student member of the Board, Ms. Lawrence thanked members of the Board and Chancellor Henry for the opportunity to serve in this leadership role. She expressed her gratitude for this opportunity and many others at the College that have allowed her to grow and thrive.

Mr. Lee shared the good news that Ms. Lawrence is the Class of 2021 student speaker during commencement tomorrow. He also congratulated her on her admission to Virginia

Commonwealth University (VCU) dental school, and encouraged her to return to campus often. Mr. Lee introduced the incoming Student Member of the Board, Joshua McCray.

CLOSED SESSION

As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 a motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Fran Hunt to convene in closed session for the purpose of considering promotion and tenure candidates. A motion was made to reconvene in open session.

The motion received unanimous approval. As required by the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3712(d), a roll call vote was taken in open session noting only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only public business as identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting of the public body.

RECONVENE IN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS

Promotion and Tenure: Each year certain faculty members undergo the process for promotion and tenure. Faculty rank and promotion are based on criteria adopted by the College Board and listed in the Faculty Handbook. These criteria include academic qualifications, years of experience, and demonstrated achievement in the areas of teaching, service and scholarship. The faculty member submits a portfolio which is reviewed by the academic department, the department chair, and the Faculty Committee on Evaluation. The Faculty Committee on Evaluation reviews all portfolios and submits their recommendations to the Academic Dean and Provost, who also make recommendations. The final approval at the College lies with the Chancellor prior to being submitted to the College Board for review and the Board of Visitors for approval. Provost Trisha Folds-Bennett presented faculty promotion candidates.

A motion was made by Jeffery Sturgill and seconded by Roger Viers to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise Proposed Operations Budget Fiscal Year 2021-2022: Chancellor Henry and Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations, Joe Kiser, presented an overview of the 2021-2022 budget plan. The budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year has been prepared with instructions from the University's Budget Office and with participation from a number of campus constituencies. The 2021-2022 operating budget for UVA Wise using the approved state appropriation in the Commonwealth's budget is projected to total \$56.3 million.

The budget plan accounts for state operational funding, current enrollment projections, and savings from the Early Retirement Incentive Program for faculty and staff. Additionally, the Chancellor and each Vice Chancellor submitted budget priorities which were reviewed together with the Chair of the Faculty Senate Finance Committee, the Chair of the Staff Senate and the UVA Wise Budget Office. The budget and its assumptions will remain fluid given budgetary pressures created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The proposed budget incorporates state funding of \$1 million, previously received as one-time funding to address the pandemic. The proposed budget also incorporates \$316,700 to cover the cost of one-time expenditures. The College was awarded \$810,912 in state general funds for the development and implementation of a Family Nurse Practitioner and Master of Science in Nursing program (FNP-MSN) program in conjunction with the UVA School of Nursing.

The budget allocates resources to fulfill the Commonwealth's five percent pay increase, which is split for E&G positions between the Commonwealth and College. The College funds the entire pay increase for auxiliary and sponsored program positions. The budget includes the funding required to fulfill the Commonwealth's increase in the minimum wage, effective May 2021 and January 2022.

Several Board members asked about the graduate program in Nursing, including its anticipated enrollments and revenue sharing agreements with the University of Virginia (UVA). Chancellor Henry and Mr. Kiser responded with information about the project timeline and arrangements with UVA: initially, the Nurse Practitioner program will be offered jointly for two years with the School of Nursing until UVA Wise acquires the human capital and physical infrastructure to offer the program independently. Chancellor Henry said the arrangement will encourage graduates to stay in the region once they have trained here. The College will more formally project graduate Nursing enrollments as part of the Six-Year Plan exercise this summer. Mr. Kiser said that the strong undergraduate Nursing program will help build a pipeline into the graduate program.

Board members also asked for more details related to the savings associated with the Early Retirement Incentive Program. Initial savings may be upwards of \$400,000. The College expects continuous savings even after new colleagues and successors have been hired.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Dawneda Williams to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Don R. Pippin and John C. Wyllie Hall: The UVA Wise Committee on Names unanimously supported the renaming of John C. Wyllie Hall on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, with a resolution notifying Chancellor Henry of its recommendation to rename the facility, the Don R. Pippin and John C. Wyllie Hall. Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Alumni Engagement Valerie Lawson provided some background and read the resolution honoring Don R. Pippin. Board Member Roger Viers, who has had a long friendship with Mr. Pippin, shared a few remarks. "We have been very close friends for many years. I am proud to be a friend of Don's. He has been a brother and a friend," he said.

A motion was made by Roger Viers and seconded by Don Green to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise College Board Membership: The following members and Executive Committee members were recommended:

Recommended for Appointment or Reappointment to the College Board

Leton L. Harding, Jr.

Lewey K. Lee

J. Scott Litton, Jr (new appointment)

Robby F. Stallard

Jeffery A. Sturgill

Recommended for Appointment or Reappointment to the Executive Committee
George E. Hunnicutt, Jr., Member-at-Large (appointment)

A motion was made by Karen Mullins and seconded by Roger Viers to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise College Board Meeting Dates 2021-2022: The College Board meeting dates are determined at the end of each academic year. These dates are chosen based upon the academic calendar, major events and activities of the college, and the schedule of the Board of Visitors. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these dates represent the best effort to maintain the College Board schedule given the information that is currently available.

Friday, August 27, 2021
Full Board

Friday, November 5, 2021
Full Board

Friday, February 4, 2022
Full Board

Monday, April 18, 2022
Executive Committee (Interviews for Student Board Member)

Friday, May 13, 2022
Full Board (Commencement is May 14, 2022)

A motion was made by Fran Hunt and seconded by Dawneda Williams to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Election of the UVA Wise College Board Clerk: As required by the bylaws, the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, upon recommendation of the Chancellor, shall elect annually a member of the College to serve as Clerk of the Board. The Chancellor recommends that Huda Aden be re-elected as Clerk of the Board.

A motion was made by Kathy Curtis and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Special Recognition: A resolution recognizing Madelyn Lawrence for her service as Student Member of the Board was read by Leton Harding. A motion was made by Karen Mullins and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

REPORT ITEMS

Strategic Plan: Chancellor Henry and Provost Trisha Folds-Bennett reported on progress toward developing the UVA Wise Strategic Plan. Prior to the meeting, Board members received a full draft of the strategic plan complete with the revised mission statement and values statements, as well as five key pillars and pivotal projects undergirding the plan. Chancellor Henry started off by thanking Provost Folds-Bennett for her work to corral the community and include as many individuals as possible in this plan.

Provost Folds-Bennett said the purpose of the presentation at this meeting is to test “the big ideas, the million dollar ideas, the forward-leading ideas.” The administration and the committee seek feedback from the Board on the general direction of the plan during this session.

Provost Folds-Bennett discussed Pillars 1 and 2 in the context of the liberal arts core curriculum and Guided Pathways to create academic bridges that are responsive to student needs. A guided pathway is an individualized plan for each student that comes to UVA Wise, she said. When students arrive, we will start talking to them about interests and goals and help them map the milestone experiences while they are here. Pillar 2 will help us develop programs that meet these individual needs and that assess broader economic and regional needs.

Mr. Harding asked whether graduates’ salary opportunities have been considered in the plan. Provost Folds-Bennett responded that job prospects and professional opportunities have been considered and are on the radar. We are encouraged by the research data suggesting that a strong liberal arts education correlates with career success, she said. We teach students to be broad in their thinking, and it will be important in this economy to allow students to pivot to new careers. Liberal arts prepares them well for that, but it also prepares them for dental school or other graduate programs, she said. If you are a critical and analytical thinker, you communicate effectively, and work well with others, you will rise through the ranks in any career, she added. Additionally, we are intentionally integrating professional competencies in our curricular and co-curricular programming. In our freshman seminars, we will create a digital portfolio for our students so they learn the importance of self-narration.

Through Pillar 3, we want to make sure that we bring faculty and staff together. We will think about ways to develop their leadership potential and developing the next generation of institutional leaders. We are interested in the diversity of our students and faculty and staff. We want to develop a vibrant community where people long to live and work, and we want employees living within the community and staying a long time, Provost Folds-Bennett said.

In Pillar 4, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Chris Dearth and CIO Scott Bevins are helping us to develop a data informed model of recruitment. The following questions are being considered. What does data-informed recruitment mean for a school like ours? What opportunities do we have to ensure that students enroll here and are successful here? We will look at the holistic experience including the academic experience, the social experience, and mental health and leadership development.

In Pillar 5, we will evaluate what resources we need to enable the other aspects of the Strategic Plan. Provost Folds-Bennett then reviewed pivotal projects and year one goals.

Vice Chair Lee commented that “this plan represents a lot of hard work and behind the scenes work.” He said the goals are ambitious but there is a good plan in place to achieve them. Ms. Williams agreed with Mr. Lee’s observations that the goals are impressive and exciting.

Chancellor Henry acknowledged the depth of the plan, and offered phone calls and meetings with Board members to review goals and ideas.

Report of the Chancellor: Chancellor Henry started off her remarks by thanking the College community for the hard work this year in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic to keep everything operational and running. The work of the College community has been above and beyond the call of

duty. She also thanked UVA Wise students for their hard work to keep this community healthy. Although it has been a challenging year, Chancellor Henry hopes that we can learn from these experiences and bring new best practices forward into the post-pandemic environment.

Next, Chancellor Henry commented on the retirees and the two Vice Chancellor searches underway this spring. Our biggest asset is our people, she said, and properly recruiting and rewarding UVA Wise talent is important. She announced interim appointments and promotions at the College during this transition period. She also announced a University award for Tabitha Smith who received the prestigious and highly competitive John T. Casteen III Diversity, Equity, Inclusion award. Chancellor Henry also announced new grants awarded to faculty as well as Commencement plans for the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021.

The College is currently planning for fall in light of the pandemic. At this time, many Virginia higher education institutions are only considering a vaccine mandate and are in “wait and see” mode as the pandemic evolves this summer.

Chancellor Henry then reviewed enrollment statistics for the fall semester and invited Vice Chancellor Chris Dearth to share additional details with the Board. The incoming first year class is strong and has also been strengthened by the Year in Wise program.

Chancellor Henry shared highlights from Advancement including donor giving and scholarship matching this fiscal year, all of which have been very positive and trending upwards. Vice Chancellor Valerie Lawson shared the latest endowment figures, which have grown more than \$100 million since Chancellor Henry’s arrival in 2013, she said.

Ms. Curtis asked for perspectives and thoughts about President Biden’s proposal for free early childhood education and free community college. How would the community college plan affect four-year colleges? Chancellor Henry responded that free community college must be done in an intentional way and must consider the higher education ecosystem as a whole. Another key consideration are the many different avenues of access and affordability for students including Pell eligibility and distribution. The Commonwealth of Virginia has already launched a modified tuition-free community college program and we will learn more about it with time. The G3 program (Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back) makes community colleges tuition-free for low and middle-income students in targeted disciplines.

In closing, Vice Chair Lee thanked the technical staff for making this meeting possible with Zoom and all the staff that helped to prepare materials. The college is in good hands, he said.

There being no additional business or comments, a motion was made by Roger Viers and seconded by Fran Hunt to adjourn the meeting. The motion received unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mullins, Secretary

Resolutions Approved by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

1. PROMOTION AND TENURE

RESOLVED that The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board supports the recommendations regarding promotion and tenure as presented

2. 2021-2022 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

RESOLVED that the 2021-2022 budget for the University of Virginia's College at Wise be approved as recommended.

3. APPROVAL OF UVA WISE COLLEGE BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED that the College Board membership appointments for the University of Virginia's College at Wise be approved as recommended, and forwarded to the University of Virginia Board of Visitors for action.

4. APPROVAL OF COLLEGE BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2021-2022

WHEREAS, the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board Executive Committee has reviewed the meeting dates for the following academic year; and

WHEREAS, these dates are chosen based upon the academic calendar, major events and activities of the college, and the schedule of the Board of Visitors,

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the meeting dates, as presented, be approved for the 2021-2021 academic year.

5. APPROVAL OF BOARD CLERK

RESOLVED that Huda Aden be elected as Clerk of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board for the 2021-2022 academic year.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board
Resolution of Appreciation
Madelyn Lawrence

WHEREAS, Madelyn Lawrence has served as the student member of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board during the 2021-2022 year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawrence has been an able and astute member, always prepared and willing to do her best; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawrence has spent many hours listening to fellow students so that she could give voice to their ideas, accomplishments and needs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawrence has spoken eloquently to the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board about these issues and worked to make a difference in the lives of her peers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawrence has embodied the University of Virginia's College at Wise's mission and has represented the College and fellow students in many settings including the University of Virginia Board of Visitors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawrence's service as a leader in many activities and organizations include the Student Conduct Board and the UVA Wise Volleyball Team; and her membership in the Peake Honors Society, Darden Honor Society and the Sigma Zeta Science and Math Honor Society; are just a few of the many ways she has excelled at the College; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawrence, by her intelligence, strength of character and stewardship epitomizes the College's student body;

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawrence has served as a model student board member for all of the students who follow her in service; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, extends to Madelyn Lawrence its profound gratitude and best wishes for all future endeavors.

Adopted in Wise, Virginia, by the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board on May 7, 2021.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD

Friday, September 10, 2021

Livestream: <https://youtu.be/5ghopRybWZk>

Marcia A. Gilliam
Chair

Lewey K. Lee
Vice Chair

Tentative Agenda

9:00 a.m.	CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS	Marcia A. Gilliam
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	REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR	Lewey K. Lee
	REMARKS BY ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE	Joseph R. Carico
	REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER	Joshua McCray

ACTION ITEMS

UVA WISE SIX YEAR PLAN	Donna P. Henry Joe Kiser
UVA WISE STRATEGIC PLAN	Donna P. Henry Trisha Folds-Bennett
SWVA ACCELERATOR GRANT	Shannon Blevins
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS	Marcia A. Gilliam

REPORT ITEMS

	INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE	Tabitha Smith
	REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR	Donna P. Henry
11:30 a.m.	CLOSING REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR	Donna P. Henry
	COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS	All
	CLOSING REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR	Marcia A. Gilliam

Minutes

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

September 10, 2021

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met electronically on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 9 a.m. In light of safety precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held in a hybrid format. Members were given the option to participate in-person or electronically. Members who were present in-person were Mike Allen, Joseph Carico, Marcia Gilliam, Jim Gott, Don Green, George Hunnicutt, Joshua McCray, Karen Mullins, Ruby Rogers, Joseph Frank Smiddy, Robert Stallard, Jeffery Sturgill, Mike Thomas, Roger Viers and Dawneda Williams. Members who were present electronically or by phone were Katheryn Curtis, Jonette Dixon Carpenter and Fran Hunt. Members absent were Marvin Gilliam, Leton Harding, and Lewey Lee.

Chair Marcia Gilliam presided over the meeting, and Huda Aden recorded minutes. Ms. Gilliam opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Dawneda Williams and seconded by Fran Hunt to approve the agenda as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Dawneda Williams and seconded by Jeffery Sturgill to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2021 meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Chair: Ms. Gilliam reminded participants that this meeting is of a hybrid nature. It includes several Board members joining by Zoom and phone in addition to the members attending in-person. Additionally, the public may view the meeting on YouTube livestream.

Ms. Gilliam introduced two new Board members, Dr. Scott Litton and student member Joshua McCray. She also introduced Gail Zimmerman who has joined the College to lead Student Affairs as Vice Chancellor after Jewell Worley's retirement. Ms. Gilliam also shared news items in the local print press. The local papers have shown a lot of interest in the College and coverage has been positive and frequent. On the occasion of his retirement, Professor Michael O'Donnell was profiled on the front page of the Herald Courier. He has taught at the College for 54 years. Associate Professor of Biology Wally Smith was also featured in the paper. He discussed his work with regional wetlands. Chris Dearth, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, was also featured. He shared an enrollment and admissions outlook. Ms. Gilliam is proud to be associated with the College. She reminded Board members that their involvement enables and encourages many good things at the College. Ms. Gilliam reviewed the calendar of upcoming College events. In closing, she acknowledged and welcomed Dave Martel, Vice President for UVA Communications and Marketing, and invited him to offer greetings. Mr. Martel said he was pleased to be on campus and pleased to learn of the progress on marketing and admissions initiatives.

Remarks by Alumni Association President: Mr. Carico reported on spring alumni events, among them the Spring Swing Golf event, which was well-attended and represented a successful fundraising effort. Additionally, the alumni retreat was well attended and was also a success. Mr. Carico provided an update on the Alumni Director search, which he said is progressing well and has been narrowed to a shortlist of candidates.

Remarks by Student Member: In his first report as student member of the Board, Mr. McCray reported that he is very excited to be representing the student body in two capacities: as Student Member of the Board and as Student Government Association (SGA) President. The first update he shared was in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. While there have been many challenges, he said, UVA Wise students have continually adapted to the evolving nature of the pandemic and public health guidance. He has been impressed with student engagement on public health matters. He and several other student leaders spearheaded a vaccination campaign to encourage fellow students to get vaccinated. These messages were promoted on social media. Local public health officials and UVA Wise nurses were also happy to participate in this campaign. The College has seen a rise in vaccination rates thanks to many efforts across the College, he said.

Mr. McCray invited the SGA Executive Board to meet members of the College Board. He introduced Goldie Owens, Vice President; Logan Smith, Treasurer of the SGA; and Naya Davis, Secretary. He outlined the SGA's plans for the current academic year. It plans to host the second annual TedX event in the spring. It is also updating its Constitution to rename the current Diversity Committee to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI). It will be a standing special committee of the SGA. The SGA is also clarifying the criteria for an International Senator position and making it a permanent position in the body.

Mr. McCray closed by emphasizing the student body's excitement with the return to campus and the sense of normalcy that has returned in academic and residential life.

ACTION ITEMS

UVA Wise Six-Year Institutional Plan: Pursuant to the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act of 2005 (Restructuring Act) and the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011 (HEOA), in odd-numbered years each public institution of higher education must develop, adopt, and submit a six-year plan addressing the institution's academic, financial, and enrollment plans. In even-numbered years, institutions are required to affirm or amend the plan. In accordance with the Restructuring Act and the HEOA and subsequent communications from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), the College at Wise submitted its respective preliminary 2021 Six-Year Institutional Plan on July 1, 2021.

The plan for the College at Wise addresses the statewide higher education strategic plan, *Pathways to Opportunity: The Virginia Plan for Higher Education*, the HEOA, and the College's strategic plan, *The College for Your Lifetime*, through interconnected initiatives aimed at enhancing recruitment, retention, and engagement of students; improving professional development and retention of talented faculty and staff; and expanding the Master of Science Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner programs.

The Board of Visitors must formally adopt the College's institutional six-year plan prior to submission of the final plan by October 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Dawneda Williams and seconded by Ruby Rogers to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

2022-2024 State Biennial Budget Requests: In odd-numbered years, the College submits biennial budget operating requests to the Department of Planning and Budget for consideration by the Governor for his budget proposal which is presented to the General Assembly in December. Biennial budget requests for new funding in the 2022-24 budget are due to the Commonwealth of Virginia in early Fall 2021. Chancellor Donna Henry and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations Joe Kiser presented the budget requests for the biennium.

A motion was made by Dawneda Williams and seconded by Ruby Rogers to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise Strategic Plan: Development of *The College for Your Lifetime*, the College's new strategic plan, began in spring 2020. The Strategic Plan was guided and vetted by a campus planning committee, led by co-chairs Provost Trisha Folds-Bennett and Professor Mark Clark. The plan reflects input from a broad set of stakeholders including students, faculty, staff and community members. Members of the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board and the Board of Visitors also offered input and remained apprised of plan development, proposed goals and intended initiatives.

The College for Your Lifetime is organized around five key pillars that aim to instill the principles of a liberal arts education in students and graduates while also equipping them with the professional skills necessary to enter the workforce and evolve with a changing society and world. The plan seeks to rethink and redesign the College's core curriculum. It also seeks to improve college enrollment, retention and graduation and to enhance experiential learning opportunities while improving the College's academic offerings to meet market demands. The plan aims to invest in the College's talented workforce and to improve resources, systems and policies.

Mr. Hunt asked questions about future enrollment projections and the College's capacity to absorb enrollment growth. Chancellor Henry responded that we continue to evaluate our capacity in academic and residential facilities. The College is currently able to enroll more students, but should full time enrollments rise to unprecedented levels, additional facilities would need to be considered and proposed. Dr. Smiddy asked about the timeline for graduate programs. Chancellor Henry stated that the College is partnering with UVA to offer joint graduate programs. Mr. Martel commended the College for its goals around curriculum reform; program development; workforce development of faculty and staff; and a holistic view of the College's impact on the region.

A motion was made by Fran Hunt and seconded by Ruby Rogers to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Southwest Virginia Accelerator Grant: The Virginia Tobacco Regional Revitalization Commission requires approval from the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board to authorize submission of a grant intended to launch the Southwest Virginia (SWVA) StartUp Accelerator and Economic Gardening program as part of an overall regional initiative to spur entrepreneurial activity in the southwest region of Virginia.

The College's Office of Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives will utilize Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission funds and matching funds from UVA Wise to launch SWVA StartUp Accelerator. The accelerator is a cornerstone project of a broader regional effort to enhance the entrepreneurial ecosystem and develop a culture of entrepreneurship in the region. It leverages funds from GO Virginia, Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, Virginia Community

Capital and AmeriCorps. Partners on this initiative include Opportunity SWVA, a network of entrepreneurial support organizations.

SWVA StartUp, UVA Wise and Opportunity SWVA engaged subject matter experts to design regional strategies to increase the number of entrepreneurs and support their growth in the region.

The goals of the initiative include:

1. to build an economic gardening team to include a regional ecosystem builder and a data mining analyst to assist Opportunity SWVA with data-driven decision making and strategic planning;
2. to launch an accelerator program;
3. to design dynamic economic gardening programming and communication strategies to increase entrepreneurial participation rates; and
4. to increase access to early-stage capital by launching an angel fund.

A motion was made by Jeffery Sturgill and seconded by Robby Stallard to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Special Recognitions: Resolutions of appreciation for College retirees were included in the Board packet. The resolutions received unanimous approval.

REPORT ITEMS

Inclusive Excellence: Tabitha Smith has been named Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She provided updates on her new office and on current and future initiatives.

On June 8, 2021 UVA Wise announced the creation of an Office for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), the first of its kind at the College. The Office's purpose is the ongoing enhancement of a campus environment where all individuals feel welcome, valued and supported. The Office will continue its work to support the student-led Multicultural Center; keep the campus community informed about safety incidences and statistics; prevent the abuse of drugs and alcohol on campus; and promote an environment that can be free of gender-based discrimination and sexual and interpersonal violence. They will add to their portfolio efforts to embrace diversity and equity as pillars of inclusive excellence; synergize diversity, equity and inclusiveness at all levels of the College; cultivate inclusiveness and mutual respect throughout the community; and implement prevention and education programs around all protected statuses. Because of its institution-wide focus, the Office will report directly to Chancellor Donna P. Henry.

The newly formed DEI Office consists of: Tabitha Smith, Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; Molly Land, Associate Director for Compliance and Inclusion; and Karina Rufino as Coordinator of Diversity Initiatives. The Multicultural Center (MCC) recently welcome three student interns to implement the mission of the MCC in the campus community. Those students are Pedrito Valadez, Tamiyia Bynum, and Jahlil Jefferson.

On August 13, 2021 the Office for DEI was awarded a \$8,800 grant from The University of Virginia towards UVA Wise Inclusive Excellence Initiation. The deliverables for the grant include incorporating diversity, equity, and inclusion into the College's Liberal Arts Core Curriculum. The grant will also facilitate an undergraduate research project to expand the UVA Wise milestones timeline listed on the institutional website.

Report of the Chancellor: In her report, Chancellor Henry introduced Robbie Chulick, a new Assistant Dean of Students. She also provided an update on COVID-19 testing and vaccination rates at the College. The College continues to host testing and vaccine clinics on campus. She expressed appreciation for the outreach, service and partnership with the Health Wagon and the Virginia Department of Health. She also recognized the college "STAT" team, which has been responsible for coordinating all aspects of the testing and vaccination plans. This team has been led by Vice Chancellor Shannon Blevins since the early days of the pandemic. After laying the foundational work and streamlining processes, Vice Chancellor Blevins will transition this role to the newest vice chancellor, Gail Zimmerman.

Dr. Smiddy thanked Chancellor Henry and the senior leadership team for managing the pandemic so well. Your proactive efforts saved lives, he said. "The College has done a wonderful job dealing with a difficult situation," he added. He warned of risks to children in the next wave of the pandemic.

Chancellor Henry also reported on successful fundraising efforts. The endowment is growing well and gifts continue to be come in. She expressed her gratitude for the ongoing support in the midst of the pandemic.

Mr. Hunt asked about the status of joint ventures with the Appalachian School of Law and the Appalachian School of Pharmacy. Chancellor Henry explained the accelerated dual degree programs between UVA Wise and the two schools. She said the partnership is excellent. The collaboration between the College and the partner schools is very strong, and students will ultimately benefit greatly as a result.

In closing, Chair Marcia Gilliam thanked members for their participation.

There being no additional business or comments, a motion was made by Roger Viers and seconded by Fran Hunt to adjourn the meeting. The motion received unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mullins, Secretary

Resolutions Approved by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

1. 2021 SIX-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL PLAN FOR THE COLLEGE AT WISE

2021 SIX-YEAR INSTITUTIONAL PLAN FOR THE COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011, § 23.1-306 of the Code of Virginia, requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to develop and adopt biennially an institutional six-year plan and submit that plan to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV); the General Assembly; the Governor; and the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education and Health, and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the College at Wise submitted its preliminary six-year plan as required by July 1, 2021, outlining general strategies to advance the priorities of the Commonwealth in alignment with the respective strategic goals of the College at Wise; and

WHEREAS, final institutional plans must be approved by the Board of Visitors and submitted to SCHEV; the General Assembly; the Governor; and the Chairs of the House Committee on Appropriations, House Committee on Education, Senate Committee on Education and Health, and Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than October 1, 2021;

RESOLVED, The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board approves the 2021 six-year institutional plan for the College at Wise.

2. UVA WISE OPERATING BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE 2022-2024 BIENNIUM

OPERATING BUDGET REQUESTS FOR THE 2022-24 BIENNIUM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

WHEREAS, the proposed biennial budget requests represent the College's highest priority initiatives and are aligned with the Six-Year Institutional Plan due to the Commonwealth in early Fall 2021;

RESOLVED, The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board approves the 2022-2024 biennial budget General Fund operating requests; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Board understands that to the extent these requests are not included in the Governor's 2022-2024 biennial budget, the College may want to pursue a similar request to the General Assembly

3. UVA WISE STRATEGIC PLAN

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE STRATEGIC PLAN

RESOLVED, The University of Virginia's College at Wise strategic plan, *A College for a Lifetime*, is approved as presented.

4. SWVA GRANT ACCELERATOR GRANT

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board encourages the submission of applications for awards and grants to benefit the College and its community as well as residents of Southwest Virginia and the surrounding area;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board authorizes an application to the Virginia Tobacco Regional Revitalization in support of the UVA Wise Oxbow Center for Technology and Innovation.

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board Resolution of Appreciation

Robin Paul Benke

WHEREAS, Robin P. Benke has been an outstanding and distinguished faculty member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise since 1978, serving in the Library first as a Reference Librarian and then as the Director of Library Services; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke was first appointed Director of Library Services in 1989 and served ably in that capacity for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke has guided students, faculty, and staff in their pursuit of scholarly research and library resources during his tenure at the College; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke has contributed significantly to the development of the library collections; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke guided the growth of the Library Media Teaching Endorsement into one of the leading endorsement programs in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke served in multiple leadership roles such as President of the Virginia Library Association, Chair of the SCHEV Library Advisory Committee, Chair of the College and University Section within the Virginia Library Association, and many other state, national, and international associations; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke contributed to the Honor Court at the College through his efforts as Honor Court Faculty Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke's diligent leadership during the previous library renovations and the design, planning, and construction of the new library resulted in a world-class library facility; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke's lengthy community service with the Pro-Art Association as a board member and during three terms as the president helped to promote and enrich the arts in Wise County; and

WHEREAS, Robin Benke's support and involvement within campus student organizations and societies resulted in numerous recognitions and honors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Robin Benke their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board
Resolution of Appreciation**

Rhonda K. Bentley

WHEREAS, Rhonda K. Bentley has been an outstanding and distinguished staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise since 1978, serving most recently as administrative assistant in Zehmer Hall, for the Departments of Communication, Language and Literature, and History and Philosophy; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda K. Bentley served previously as an administrative assistant in Human Resources and the Department of Business; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda K. Bentley has helped numerous faculty and students at the College, answering their questions and being a valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda K. Bentley has performed thousands of daily tasks, ordering supplies, reconciling budgets, managing student assistants; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda K. Bentley has energetically pursued professional development opportunities, taking language classes and participating in study abroad trips; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda K. Bentley has willingly assisted with faculty programs, such as the Medieval-Renaissance Conference and Clinch Valley College History Night; and

WHEREAS, Rhonda K. Bentley has always carried out her duties with dedication, energy, enthusiasm and good humor;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Rhonda K. Bentley their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Debra Lynn Carter

WHEREAS, Debra Carter has been an outstanding and distinguished faculty member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise, coming to the College in 1998 when it was still Clinch Valley College; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter has taught in both the four-year nursing program and the RN to BSN program; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter was appointed Chair of the Department of Nursing at UVA Wise and served ably in that position from 2006 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter has taught over 19 courses in the Department of Nursing during her tenure at the College; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter was one of her department's representatives on the Faculty Senate, an elected position, for no fewer than four terms; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter has been appointed a member of numerous College committees, including the Faculty Relations Committee, the Faculty Development Committee, the Institutional Review Board, and the Teacher Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter has given her time and support to students, the department, and the College by writing and administering various grants; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter has attended numerous conferences in the last 20 years designed to keep her nursing education current; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter has supported the nursing program with her knowledge, her skills, and her care for her students; and

WHEREAS, Debra Carter's commitment to programmatic rigor has been an important factor in the education of excellent nurses who are greatly desired by regional and statewide hospitals;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Debra Carter their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board
Resolution of Appreciation
Simeon E. Ewing**

WHEREAS, Simeon E. Ewing has been an outstanding and distinguished member of the University of Virginia's College at Wise community since 1995, most recently serving as Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing has been a trusted advisor and colleague to Chancellor Donna P. Henry and six preceding College Chancellors, including the late David J. Prior, upon whose sudden passing in 2012, Sim Ewing was asked to co-chair the College's leadership team along with the Provost; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing has been an invaluable leader in overseeing the College's financial health, regulatory compliance, operational effectiveness, and capital growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing, who among his numerous significant duties, fostered strong and productive relationships with successive administrations and legislative bodies in the Commonwealth of Virginia, always working in close partnership with Chancellor Henry to champion the University of Virginia's College at Wise in Richmond and beyond, notably helping to shepherd numerous initiatives through the General Assembly including operational funding requests, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) legislation, among others; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing, as the primary administrator of capital planning and construction on campus, has played a significant role in campus beautification as well as the physical expansion of academic and residential buildings on campus, having managed capital projects totaling more than \$212 million; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing has been a valued citizen of the region of the Commonwealth, having served as Town Manager for Wise, VA and having received numerous awards and accolades for his ongoing contributions to the community, among them 2007 Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce, "Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Sim Ewing has always held higher education in high esteem and has investing in the professional growth and development of students as an Adjunct faculty member of the College's Department of Business and Public administration for 12 years; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Sim Ewing their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board
Resolution of Appreciation
James Edward Horton**

WHEREAS, James E. Horton has been an outstanding and distinguished faculty member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise since 1994, serving in the Department of Social Sciences; and

WHEREAS, James Horton has guided countless students in their pursuit of knowledge during his tenure at the College; and

WHEREAS, James Horton has contributed significantly to the breadth of the psychology curriculum, adding numerous new courses in his field; and

WHEREAS, James Horton established the NeuroCognitive Sciences Laboratory, giving students added opportunities to engage with psychology; and

WHEREAS, James Horton supported psychology majors, training them and mentoring undergraduate research in the NeuroCognitive Psychology laboratory; and

WHEREAS, through his mentoring of undergraduate research, James Horton has made it possible for students to present their research at regional, national, and international conferences; and

WHEREAS, James Horton has co-authored articles with undergraduate research students that has been published in peer-reviewed psychology journals; and

WHEREAS, James Horton's own scholarship has been prodigious, resulting in multiple publications and presentations throughout his tenure at the College; and

WHEREAS, James Horton has been recognized by the College with both the Outstanding Research & Publication Award in 2007 and the Mentoring Undergraduate Research Award in 2010; and

WHEREAS, James Horton has given generously of his time to the College, serving on 38 committees during his tenure at UVA Wise; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, extend to James Horton their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Bryan Hal Hoyt

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt has been an outstanding and distinguished member of the faculty at The University of Virginia's College at Wise since 2002, serving in the Department of Social Sciences; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt has developed and taught multiple psychology courses during his tenure at UVA Wise; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt was first appointed as chair of the Department of Social Sciences in 2010 and has served ably in that position for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt was promoted to Professor of Psychology in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt has been a member of the Council of Chairs during his tenure as department chair, providing advice in that position to three different provosts; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt served capably as the first UVA Wise faculty advisor to the UVA Board of Visitors Committee on Wise, assisting that body in its understanding of the opportunities available to students at the College and expanding their awareness of the College and its programs; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt was elected to the position of Chair of the Faculty Senate in 2012, in which position he functioned as an interface between the faculty and the administration, communicating faculty recommendations to that administration; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt has very generously lent his expertise in assessment for the benefit of multiple accreditation reports; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt received both the College Award for Outstanding Service in 2012 and the Award for Distinguished Professor in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt has guided numerous faculty members just out of graduate school, both in psychology and other social science disciplines, in their adjustment to the complexities of working at a small public liberal arts college; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Hoyt has given his time to serve on multiple College committees, including the Teacher Education Committee, the Online Committee, the IRB, and the Faculty Committee on Evaluation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Bryan Hoyt their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Annette Moseley

WHEREAS, Annette Moseley has been an outstanding and distinguished member of the University of Virginia's College at Wise community since 2013, most recently serving as Meeting and Events Coordinator in the Office of Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Annette Moseley helped to establish a UVA Wise conference center in Russell County, where her responsibilities included managing logistics, customer relations and all operations of the conference facility; and

WHEREAS, Annette Moseley supported UVA Wise operations in Abingdon, Virginia and assisted with the design and implementation of summer camps introducing southwest Virginia youth to opportunities in manufacturing, healthcare, information technology and robotics; and

WHEREAS, Annette Moseley supported five of the six Southwest Virginia Economic Forums hosted by UVA Wise and specifically led the logistics committee charged with managing the in-person events; and

WHEREAS, Annette Moseley organized multiple LeaderCast events designed to build leadership capacity in professionals across all industry sectors; and

WHEREAS, Annette Moseley willingly took on the role of operations manager at the Oxbow Center when a state-mandated hiring freeze delayed the hiring of an Oxbow Center Manager; and

WHEREAS, Annette Moseley, with tremendous accuracy and punctuality, performed fiscal reconciliation and budget administration for multiple projects for the Office of Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Annette Moseley their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Susan Mullins

WHEREAS, Susan Mullins came to The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 2010 as a skilled staff member in the Office of Development and College Relations with priority in supporting the Director of Special Events and the Director of College Relations; and

WHEREAS, Susan Mullins was masterful at multi-tasking in her capacity assisting the College Spokesperson and the College Relations unit, often fielding calls from inquiring reporters and members of the public seeking information about the many events and activities happening on the College's campus on any given day; and

WHEREAS, Susan Mullins served as a valued proofreader of key College publications such as the UVA Wise Magazine, newsletters, press releases and UVA Wise web publications; and

WHEREAS, Susan Mullins also supported a host of activities under the direction of the Office of Advancement & Alumni Engagement including events such as the Fulfilling the Dream Campaign Finale Celebration and the Honor the Future Campaign Launch; the annual Scholarship Luncheon, the Leila Maude Richmond Day Pre-Game Celebration and numerous other events; and

WHEREAS, Susan Mullins has provided excellent attention-to-detail in learning and utilizing the Advance Database System and routinely gathered information to update the important records of alumni and friends;

WHEREAS, Susan Mullins collaborated with key staff to develop a system to thoughtfully and fiscally prepare a mailing list for the UVA Wise Magazine, and for donor events or mailings; and

WHEREAS, Susan Mullins worked with College staff to make reservations and arranged set-up for committee and Board meetings; and has taken great care to support the Senior Director of Institutional Events ensuring that all events are stellar; and

WHEREAS, Susan Mullins is retiring after eleven years of service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Susan Mullins their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Michael Edward O'Donnell

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell has been an outstanding and distinguished faculty member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise since 1968 when it was still Clinch Valley College, serving in the Department of Language and Literature in the last 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell has served the College energetically in a variety of positions, most recently in the French classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell served as Director of Admissions and Dean of Students; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell's love of students led him to involve himself with them in venues other than the classroom, such as coaching tennis and teaching swimming; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell has served as an international travel advisor, providing students with an international experience by leading them on trips abroad in the 1970s and 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell has been a full-time teacher since 1991, drawing large numbers of students to his classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell has been honored by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam for 50 plus years of service; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell is much loved by students and alumni who know him, not just those in his classes, but as attested to by the recent proclamation awarded him by the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell's affection for his students and willingness to meet them where they are transcends all boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Donnell has become an institution at the College and will be greatly missed by all students who know him;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Michael O'Donnell their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Resolution of Appreciation

Sandra Clark Richardson

WHEREAS, Sandra C. Richardson has been an outstanding and distinguished faculty member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise since 1992, serving in the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Richardson served ably as an adjunct faculty member for the College from 1987 through 1992; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Richardson served with distinction as a tenure-track faculty member for twenty-nine years and served as a full professor for nineteen of those years; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Richardson has guided countless students in their pursuit of knowledge during her tenure at the College; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Richardson has contributed significantly to the depth and breadth of the education curriculum, especially regarding early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Richardson has supported education majors and teacher education candidates in their senior internships, promoting rigor in pedagogy that will advance students' understanding and success in their future efforts as teachers; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Richardson has encouraged interest in the field of education through her diligent and inspirational service as sponsor of the UVA Wise Chapter of the Student Virginia Education Association (SVEA); and

WHEREAS, Sandra Richardson organized and coordinated with enthusiasm the College's *Annual Early Childhood Education Conference* for twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Richardson remained dedicated to serving the children in our community for many years through her organization and coordination of several events at the College, including her *Dr. Seuss Birthday Party* for twenty-three years, *Funtasia* for twenty-seven years, and a wrapping party before Christmas for Head Start children for twenty-two years;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Sandra Richardson their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board
Resolution of Appreciation
Ronald L. Shortt**

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Shortt has been an outstanding and distinguished member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise community since 1992, most recently serving as Director of Public Safety ; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Shortt served as a Campus Police Officer at The University of Virginia's College at Wise prior to his promotion to chief in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Shortt received his training at the Southwest Law Enforcement Academy in Bristol, Virginia in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Shortt has demonstrated a career-long commitment to campus safety for the purposes of creating an environment that allows for effective teaching, living, learning, working, and community-building for all residents, students, employees, friends, visitors and passersby of The University of Virginia's College at Wise; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Shortt established trust and strong working relationships with his team as well as College administrators, faculty, staff and students, enabling him to effectively carry out the mission to serve and protect the College; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Shortt's strategic and tactful skills in law enforcement extended to special visitors as well as all campus events, big and small, including high profile officials and special events such as the 2017 Gubernatorial Debate at the David J. Prior Convocation Center, annual Commencement exercises with audiences of 1,000 or more; numerous Gubernatorial visits; College Board meetings; and University leadership and Board of Visitors meetings on campus; and

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Shortt not only served his campus community with great pride, commitment and dedication day-to-day, he served in elected public office as a member of the Wise County Board of Supervisors;

WHEREAS, Ronald L. Shortt is retiring after twenty-nine years of committed service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Ronnie Shortt their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise
Resolution of Appreciation
Kathy Lynn Still

WHEREAS, Kathy L. Still has been an outstanding and distinguished member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise community since 2007, most recently serving as College Spokesperson and Director of Communications; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Still's skill and years of experience as a celebrated reporter with the Bristol Herald Courier for 23 years, from 1985 until 2008, brought rigor and excellent judgement to her role as the College's chief communications officer; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Still has dutifully served as Editor for the UVA Wise Magazine, which is published twice annually, and always carefully curated the content to share important news, updates and highlights from the College with a readership of 15,000 alumni, donors, friends and employees; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Still's portfolio also included the management of the College's responses to requests for information per the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and acted diligently to coordinate responses with colleagues in a timely manner in accordance with all state laws and guidance; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Still has been a lifelong advocate for, and has practiced and upheld, the values and constitutional freedoms governing speech, and will continue to do so in her private life in various civic roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Still has been a valued citizen in the City of Norton and in Wise County and has contributed to numerous causes and events, and has served as Past President of the Norton Kiwanis Club;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Kathy Still their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Christina L. Turnbull

WHEREAS, Christina L. Turnbull came to The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 2008 as to fill an important role in the Office of Development & College Relations; and

WHEREAS, Christina Turnbull immediately grasped the importance of stewardship in the fundraising of the College; and, recognized the enormous task, accountability and responsibility of gift processing and specifically in depositing the millions of dollars in gifts received each year;

WHEREAS, Christina Turnbull wrote key correspondence as the College closed out the record-breaking *Fulfilling the Dream* Campaign, which raised \$67+ million exceeding its goal of \$50 million;

WHEREAS, Christina Turnbull aspired to earning a four-year college degree and worked diligently toward that goal earning a Bachelor of Science in Sociology in 2014;

WHEREAS, Christina Turnbull took great pride in drafting and proofing correspondence to donors with the deepest appreciation and, additionally, treated the stewardship of all donors of every level with the greatest respect and significance;

WHEREAS, Christina Turnbull supported a host of activities under the direction of the Office of Advancement and Alumni Engagement including the annual Scholarship Luncheon, the annual Giving Thanks Day and other events and activities; and

WHEREAS, Christina Turnbull is retiring after thirteen years of exceptional service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Christina Turnbull their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board
Resolution of Appreciation**

Debra A. Wharton

WHEREAS, Debra A. Wharton came to The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 1996 as a critical staff member in support of institutional assessment and accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Debra Wharton later served as the Director of Financial Aid before joining the Office of Development and College Relations where she served as the Director of Special Events; and finally, served under the Chancellor's Office as the Senior Director of Institutional Events and Director of the College's Commencement Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Debra Wharton led with distinction in methodically planning and executing the highest-level institutional events including the Inaugurations of three College Chancellors; the College's 50th Anniversary Celebration; significant naming dedications; Benefactors and Campaign Celebrations; and of the launching of the College's \$100 million Honor the Future Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Debra Wharton supported a host of stewardship activities on behalf of the Office of Advancement and Alumni Engagement including the annual Scholarship Luncheon; thousands of receptions, dinners and meetings; and

WHEREAS, Debra Wharton earned a Bachelor of Science in Business & Public Administration from UVA Wise in 1978; and, also earned a Master of Education in Educational Psychology - Social Foundations in 1999 from the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Debra Wharton has been called upon both from internal and external individuals and groups for her expertise, guidance and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Debra Wharton is retiring after twenty-five years of stellar and unmatched service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Debra Wharton their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

**The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board
Resolution of Appreciation**

Jewell B. Worley

WHEREAS, Jewell B. Worley has been an outstanding and distinguished member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise community, first joining the campus as a student and most recently serving as Vice Chancellor for Student Life; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Worley first began her career at The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 2001 as Director of the Center for Counseling and Health Services, leaving briefly to serve at the Virginia Military Institute, the nation's oldest state military College; and returning in 2007 as Dean of Students; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Worley has approached each new opportunity, in an ever-evolving higher education landscape, with a deep sense of purpose and dedication and quickly developed subject matter expertise and advocacy in areas such as Title IX; Clery compliance; diversity, equity and inclusion; and more; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Worley's leadership style, marked by collaboration, compassion, and spiritedness, endeared her to students, her team and her colleagues over many years; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Worley's career in higher education was preceded by 17 years in Wise County Public Schools teaching students in grades four through 12 thereby demonstrating a lifelong commitment to the education and development of the minds and the character of children and youth in various stages of childhood, adolescence and early adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Worley earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theater from Clinch Valley College and later earned a Master of Education from the University of Virginia, and is a proud alumna of both the College and the University; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Worley modeled for students the liberal arts principle of lifelong learning and later earned a Master's degree in Counseling and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Worley has touched the lives of countless students and colleagues and has helped to shape the course of their careers through her ongoing mentorship, guidance, and support; and

WHEREAS, Jewell Worley is retiring after a cumulative eighteen years of stellar leadership and service to The University of Virginia's College at Wise;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Jewell Worley their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, September 10, 2021.

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE BOARD

Friday, November 19, 2021
David J. Prior Convocation Center
In-person

Marcia A. Gilliam
Chair

Lewey K. Lee
Vice Chair

Tentative Agenda

8:30 a.m.	CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS	Marcia A. Gilliam
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pledge of Allegiance• Adoption of Agenda• Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2021 Board Meeting	
	REMARKS BY VICE CHAIR	Lewey K. Lee
	REMARKS BY ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE	Joseph R. Carico*
	REMARKS BY STUDENT MEMBER	Joshua McCray

ACTION ITEMS

	UVA WISE TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES	Donna P. Henry Joe Kiser
	UVA WISE STUDENT HOUSING RATES	Donna P. Henry Joe Kiser
	UVA WISE DINING RATES	Donna P. Henry Joe Kiser
	SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS	Marcia A. Gilliam

REPORT ITEM

	REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR	Donna P. Henry
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JOINT SESSION WITH THE BOARD OF VISITORS AND REPORT ITEMS

10:30 a.m.	WHAT DOES UVA WISE MEAN TO YOU?	All
11:15 a.m.	INNOVATE2ELEVATE / APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL	Donna P. Henry

** Fran Hunt will share remarks on behalf of Joey Carico.*

12:00 p.m. LUNCHEON AND RESEARCH BLITZ All

**1:00 p.m. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY LANDSCAPE Donna P. Henry
Shannon R. Blevins**

This session will include community leaders and state legislators.

2:15 p.m. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS All

CLOSING REMARKS

- Elizabeth M. Cranwell
- James E. Ryan
- Donna P. Henry
- Marcia A. Gilliam

2:30 p.m. CAMPUS TOUR

3:30 p.m. CONCLUSION

Minutes

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

November 19, 2021

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board met in-person at the David J. Prior Convocation Center on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Members who were present were Mike Allen, Marcia Gilliam, Marvin Gilliam, Don Green, Leton Harding, Fran Hunt, Lewey Lee, Scott Litton, Joshua McCray, Joseph Frank Smiddy, Jeffery Sturgill, and Dawneda Williams. At 10:00 a.m., the College Board members were joined by members of the UVA Administration and the Board of Visitors. BOV members present included Whitt Clement, Elizabeth Cranwell, Mark Bowles, Carlos Brown, Tom DePasquale, Barbara Fried, Babur Lateef, L.F. Payne, Joel Hockensmith, and Sarita Mehta. Members of the UVA administration present included JJ Davis, Susan Harris, Margot Rogers, and Jim Ryan.

Chair Marcia Gilliam presided over the meeting, and Huda Aden recorded minutes. Ms. Gilliam opened the meeting by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Leton Harding and seconded by Elizabeth Cranwell to approve the agenda as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Dawneda Williams and seconded by Mike Allen to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2021 meeting of the College Board as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Remarks by Chair: Ms. Gilliam welcomed all members to the meeting and extended a special thanks to Elizabeth Cranwell for convening the Board of Visitors and the College Board for this joint session.

Remarks by Vice Chair: Mr. Lee commended local law enforcement for their daily demonstration of courage, dedication and resilience. In light of the recent death of Officer Michael Chandler, Mr. Lee encouraged everyone to say a word of thanks to local law enforcement, including the UVA Wise Campus Police. The campus police operation is open 24 hours a day and 365 days of the year, he said, and they make it possible for the students, staff, and faculty to fulfill their obligations and roam campus freely.

Remarks by Alumni Association President: Mr. Carico was not able to attend the Board meeting and asked Mr. Hunt to share remarks on his behalf. Mr. Hunt introduced the new Director of Alumni Relations Corey Sanchez '13. Mr. Hunt also reported ongoing efforts to establish new alumni chapters, including in Charlottesville. Mr. Harding asked how the College utilizes the LinkedIn social media platform to engage alumni and prospective students. Mr. Sanchez responded that the Alumni Office seeks to reconnect and engage with alumni through various platforms. Additionally, he and others are envisioning new social initiatives that engage both alumni and prospective students. For example, he has spoken with Chris Dearth, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, about initiating a "refer a CAV" program which asks alumni to refer prospective students. Mr. Sanchez also discussed efforts to strengthen mentorship and internship opportunities through alumni connections.

Remarks by Student Member: Mr. McCray said he endeavored to bring diverse student perspectives and experiences to the attention of the Board, and shared the perspectives of a student athlete, Kelsey Green, a senior volleyball player from Altavista, Virginia. He also reported on the Wise Works internship program, which he says has been extraordinarily valuable to students. He said local and remote internship programs not only lead to job prospects for students after graduation, they minimize departures and population loss from the surrounding community. Mr. McCray has benefited from multiple internships, research, and experiential learning opportunities, including in Charlottesville where he interned at the Center for Global Health Equity and the renowned Center for Politics. He also discussed the J-term (January term) which brings together UVA and UVA Wise students for an entrepreneurship-focused course. Provost Trisha Folds-Bennett stated that the College is conducting a thorough review of its academic calendar as part of the strategic plan, and will consider a formal J-term.

ACTION ITEMS

UVA Wise Tuition and Fees: The University of Virginia's Board of Visitors sets undergraduate, graduate, professional, and special program tuition and fees for the Academic Division and for The University of Virginia's College at Wise. The enabling resolution covers tuition and mandatory fees for academic years 2022-23 and 2023-24 for The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise proposes a 3% increase in tuition and fees for academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. This rate conforms with the Institutional Six-year Plan that was previously endorsed by the UVA Wise College Board and approved by the UVA Board of Visitors and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The projected increase reflects the following priorities: 1) execution of the College's academic and strategic goals to promote student success and academic excellence; 2) necessary compensation adjustments to retain and recruit faculty and staff and 3) addressing inflationary pressures as measured by the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI). The College at Wise's proposal assumes that the unrestricted state appropriation will remain constant. If the unrestricted state appropriation or HEPI are substantially different from the level assumed, adjustments to these tuition rates may be proposed.

This proposal also includes an increase in mandatory E&G and auxiliary fees by 3% in years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 to meet operating cost increases related to utilities, materials and supplies, and other ongoing operational expenses.

Any incremental revenue generated from these tuition and fee increases, coupled with cost savings, philanthropy, endowment earnings, and other revenue sources, will address unavoidable increases; utilities and other infrastructure; faculty and staff compensation; and strategic priorities.

A motion was made by Lewey Lee and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise Student Housing Rates: The College annually reviews the rental rates for on-campus residential halls. To maintain and effectively operate the College's residence halls, revenue must reflect the cost of operation. The Commonwealth of Virginia does not provide operational funding for residence halls. To continue to provide housing opportunities that meet the needs and expectations of the student body, this proposal factors in necessary maintenance of the facilities

while providing affordable housing for residential students. This recommendation provides for a 2% increase in rental rates.

A motion was made by Jeff Sturgill and seconded by Fran Hunt to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

UVA Wise Dining Rates: To maintain and effectively operate the College's dining services, revenue must reflect its cost of operation. The Commonwealth of Virginia does not provide funding for operational meal services. Dining services are provided by a contracted third party, Chartwells, which continues to engage students on their satisfaction and preferences for dining and meal plan options and their views on food service on campus. The College has continued to address student concerns which include modifying meal plan structures, hours of operation and premium service options. During the pandemic, the College at Wise and Chartwells implemented strategies to provide a safe and healthy dining experience.

The College proposes a rate increase of 4%. A substantial factor in this proposal is the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for "Food Away From Home" which was 4.7% in August 2021.

A motion was made by Fran Hunt and seconded by Dawneda Williams to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

Special Recognitions: Resolutions of appreciation for College retirees were included in the Board packet. A motion was made by Lewey Lee and seconded by Leton Harding to approve the resolution as presented. The motion received unanimous approval.

REPORT ITEMS

Report of the Chancellor: Chancellor Henry began her report with an acknowledgement Big Stone Gap Police Officer Michael Chandler who was shot and killed during a welfare check on November 13, 2021. She posthumously thanked the late officer for his service and extended condolences and support to his family. Chancellor Henry said it was an honor for the College to host his funeral service at the Convocation Center. She thanked the Convocation Center staff, led by Chris Davis; the Media Services team, led by Rosa Bott; and the College's police force for ensuring a smooth service. Chancellor Henry introduced the new Director of Communications Senta Scarborough who was also present at the funeral service and assisted the press.

Chancellor Henry provided an outlook for fall 2022 enrollment projections which continue to trend positively. She also shared faculty and staff news, including a new guide book published by Wally Smith, Associate Professor of Biology. *High Lonesome Trails: Hiking Virginia's High Knob Region* features 25 regional hikes in Wise, Scott and Lee counties on local, state and federal land. Chancellor Henry also welcomed Corey Sanchez into his new role as Director of Alumni Relations.

Chancellor Henry shared news that the College's nursing program has been reaffirmed for accreditation for another 10 years. The College is working with the Pippin-Wyllie Hall architects to renovate and modify the facility to host the existing nursing program and the new graduate program in Family Nurse Practitioner/Master of Science in Nursing. The football team and the ROTC program are being relocated to accommodate construction in Pippin-Wyllie; the ROTC program will have a new space designated in the former Cantrell kitchen facility.

The College has launched the Clinch Valley Concert Series which has drawn interest and participation from across the College and beyond. Advancement efforts are underway and are progressing well with continued support from donors and friends and the UVA Bicentennial Fund. Chancellor Henry also reported on a very exciting football season and said that Coach Damron is also excited. Student Life programming is progressing well. The broad range of offerings in leadership, recreation, sport, and entertainment have been excellent. The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has had robust programming at the College this semester. The office has proudly hosted 40 in-person and/or zoom programs and events at the time of this meeting. These events have included but not limited to; Pride Week, Hispanic Heritage Week, Domestic/Dating Violence, Campus Safety, Indigenous Peoples Day, Safe Homecoming and Safe Halloween.

JOINT SESSION WITH THE UVA BOARD OF VISITORS

Introductions: At 10:00 a.m., the UVA Wise College Board was joined by the UVA Board of Visitors for a joint session. Ms. Henry and Ms. Gilliam provided opening remarks and introductions. Rector Whitt Clement commented that the College has a prominent presence in the region and provides an education that is affordable and accessible. The College's role extends beyond the formal education it provides and is furthermore a significant resource and catalyst in the region, he said. He stated that the Board members have decided to attend this joint session to listen and to help UVA Wise realize its goals.

In their introductions, members of the UVA Wise Board discussed ways in which the College is personally meaningful to them, and they reflected on the College's significance in the community, the economy, and in the lives of faculty, staff and students. Board members and President Ryan shared their personal experiences in College, many of whom are first generation College students. They remarked on the value of a college education and the reasons they are compelled to serve and support the University of Virginia and the College at Wise.

Innovate2Elevate and Apple Distinguished School: Chancellor Henry discussed the College's iPad initiative which since 2019 has benefitted students, faculty and staff. To speak on their experiences, three presenters joined the Board to discuss their use and application of the iPads in classrooms, including Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of Instructional Technology Alex Reynolds; Donald Sorah, an Associate Professor of Music; and student McKenzie Dykstra of Norton, VA who is pursuing a major in Visual & Performing Arts and a minor field of study in Communications.

Recently, UVA Wise was selected as an Apple Distinguished School. This distinction highlights the College's success in creating an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic achievement.

Research Blitz: During lunch, UVA Wise hosted a "Research Blitz" to showcase undergraduate research. During the program, four students presented their research and discussed how their research experience has benefited their learning. The Research Blitz program aims to pique interest in undergraduate research and scholarly endeavors. The four students, and summaries of their research projects, are listed below.

Hubertine Moyo of Lusaka, Zambia is pursuing a Biology major. Her undergraduate research presentation is titled "The Application of Molecular Genetics Techniques for Ginseng Soil Analysis

and Algal mRNA processing.” In her research, she has had the opportunity to apply molecular genetics techniques in two different research projects. The first project focused on *Panax ginseng*. One of the challenges faced in efficiently cultivating the crop is a fungal blight that is soil-based. She and the research team used environmental DNA meta barcoding to analyze soil associated with healthy ginseng plants to determine if whether they have a unique soil microbiome. Initial results suggest that they do. The second project focused on sequencing mRNAs of a red alga (*Agarophyton vermiculophyllum*). Previous students discovered that green algae have unusual mRNA processing. Hence, this project focused on analyzing if red algae has similar unusual mRNA processing patterns. Results have shown that red algae process their mRNA more like animals than plants and green algae. Ms. Moyo’s faculty advisor is Bruce Cahoon, Buchanan Endowed Chair of Biology.

Math Rowe of East Stone Gap, Virginia is pursuing a double major in History and Government, concentrating in public history and foreign affairs, respectively. His research explores “James A. Bland High School: Working Toward a National Register of Historic Places Nomination.” Relatively few African American high schools that opened prior to Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka have been listed on state or federal historic registries. This lack of recognition has meant the loss of many of these properties, such as Central High School in Appalachia, Virginia. James A. Bland High School remains intact. Although the school remains standing, a majority of the high school’s records and core documentation were destroyed. This research explores James A. Bland’s historical significance through the Coalfield Progress and Library of Virginia’s archival records. Through these records, this research determined that Wise County opposed racial integration through the creation of a Pupil Placement Board. This resistance resulted in discrimination against students at James A. Bland until the Civil Rights Act forced the county to integrate in 1965. Overall, the historical significance of James A. Bland High School cannot be understated nor forgotten by dominant historical narratives. Mr. Rowe’s faculty advisor is Jinny Turman, Associate Professor of History.

Olivia Salazar of Kannapolis, North Carolina is pursuing an Environmental Science major with a focus on Geology and Ecology. The title of her research presentation is “Microbes on Moonmilk: a Speleological Exploration.” Moonmilk is a secondary, microcrystalline cave deposit composed of mainly calcium carbonate or gypsum. A previous literature review found little research conducted about moonmilk. Few publications of any kind from the eastern United States were found. Prior research revealed that different microbes within each moonmilk sample interact with one another depending on the environment and the various structures of calcite crystals in caves.

The objective of this new research is to determine the relationship of the microorganisms that reside on the moonmilk and to determine if there are environmental characteristics that attract certain microorganisms. Using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) the research team characterized the crystalline structure of the moonmilk samples. To identify the microbial communities present in different moonmilk formations eDNA was used. In conclusion, findings determined that there were no significant differences in microbial growth between the moonmilk and the control samples collected. However, the research proved that the microorganisms living on the speleothems are unique to the caves they are found in. It can also be argued that moonmilk is an entry point for water from the epikarst or outside into the cave system causing biodiversity in the microorganisms present. Ms. Salazar’s faculty advisors are Bruce Cahoon, Buchanan Endowed Chair of Biology and Teresa Brown, Assistant Professor of Geology.

Rachel Guevara of Kents Store, Virginia is pursuing an Environmental Science major with a concentration in Earth Sciences. Her research investigates the role of defects on stability and metal

uptake of metal-organic frameworks. The presence of defects in the structure of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) can lead to changes in the property of the material, so with careful modification of the number of defects in the MOF structure, properties such as stability, availability of active sites, and the size and space of pores within the crystalline structure may be tuned. In this study, the research team aims to quantitatively identify the number of defects and structure of the MOF UiO-66 using powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD), thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), and proton nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (^1H NMR). We have successfully synthesized UiO-66 with varying molar equivalents of the modulating agent acetic acid and analyzed them using PXRD to assess the crystallinity, and TGA and ^1H NMR to calculate the number of defects and the thermal stability of the materials. Ms. Guevara's faculty advisor is Trevor Makal, Van Daniel III Professor of Chemistry.

Economic and Community Landscape: At 1:00 p.m., the meeting reconvened for a session on the economic and community landscape in the southwest Virginia region. Guests included Delegate Terry Kilgore; Delegate William Wampler; Delegate Will Morefield; Beth Rhinehart, President and CEO of the Bristol TN/VA Chamber of Commerce; and Wise County Administrator Mike Hatfield.

Delegate Kilgore provided background about the region. For years, the coal industry has provided good opportunities for the region in terms of jobs and the overall economy. However, coal is no longer the economic driver in the region as it once was, and there are fewer people employed in the industry. Still, the region wants to continue to be known as the energy resource for the Commonwealth, and is today home to one of the cleanest hybrid power plants in the world in Virginia City, VA. He said he would be grateful for any support from UVA.

Delegate Wampler said the common narrative that is often recited about southwest Virginia is that people are leaving the region and that region is stuck in dire straits. Instead, he urges people to construct a different narrative and to look at the region from a positive standpoint. For example, the region has unmatched beauty; it has affordable housing; and it has a great higher education institution in UVA Wise which provides upward social mobility to its graduates and their families. Mr. Wampler also reinforced the idea that we are one Commonwealth and not just distinct regions. He said it is important to continue to find ways to strengthen relationships across the Commonwealth. He also said that strengths in one region can be amplified and replicated in other regions.

Delegate Morefield discussed the importance of attracting business to the region and said that good healthcare and a strong educational framework are integral to this goal. He said the region has excellent working relationships across the board, and that the southwest Virginia delegation works closely with Chancellor Henry, who has been an asset to the area, as well as with Vice Chancellor Shannon Blevins and with the UVA Cooper Center. He said that the fate of the region is tied to the fate of the College, and that it is important to help the College continue to be an engine of growth and productivity for the region.

Ms. Rhinehart also commended UVA Wise's role in the vitality of the region. She also discussed brain drain and acknowledged that our "best and brightest" are leaving the region for opportunities in other parts of the Commonwealth and/or country. However, in order to recruit and retain businesses to the region, the workforce has to be in place. It is important to change the dynamic of population decline. Ms. Rhinehart said that we are all one region (Tri-Cities of Bristol, Kingsport, and Johnson City) and thanked Chancellor Henry for participating in regional efforts.

Following the presentations, Board members asked questions of the guests. The discussions involved the role of community colleges as compared to four-year institutions; strategies for retaining students in the region after they graduate; recruitment strategies to attract prospective students; recruitment strategies to attract talent to the College; infrastructure support in the region; and facilitating virtual/remote jobs and internship opportunities.

In closing, brief remarks were shared by Board members. President Ryan announced his recommendation of Chancellor Henry's reappointment to the Board of Visitors. UVA Wise Committee Chair Elizabeth Cranwell thanked Rector Clement for helping to convene the meeting. Chair Marcia Gilliam thanked everyone for their participation.

There being no additional business or comments, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion received unanimous approval. The formal meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m. and was followed by a campus tour.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Mullins, Secretary

Resolutions Approved by The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

1. TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES

APPROVAL OF TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board previously discussed and approved a 3.0 percent increase in tuition for in-state and out-of-state students in the Six-Year Institutional Plan submitted on October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board endorses an increase of 2% to 3% for tuition and mandatory fees for in-state and out-of-state students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Virginia's College at Wise Board approves the tuition, required fees and other charges applicable to The University of Virginia's College at Wise.

2. STUDENT HOUSING RATES

APPROVAL OF STUDENT HOUSING RATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia's College at Wise aims to offer affordable, high-quality housing to students seeking to reside on campus; and

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia's College at Wise on-campus residential programming is correlated with an enhanced undergraduate experience and strengthens academic achievement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the rental rates for regular and summer session student housing be increased by 2% effective July 1, 2022.

3. STUDENT DINING RATES

APPROVAL OF STUDENT MEAL PLAN RATES

WHEREAS, The University of Virginia's College at Wise aims to provide affordable dining plans to students desiring to utilize the dining services on campus; and

WHEREAS, the College negotiates annually with the food service provider to determine the most feasible;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the meal rates for the College's food service plan be adopted as follows with a 4% increase for residential plans effective July 1, 2022.

4. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Resolution of Appreciation

William "Hank" Banner

WHEREAS, Hank Banner has been an outstanding Head Coach of the Baseball program at of the University of Virginia's College at Wise for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Hank Banner is a proud 1992 alumni of Clinch Valley College where he was a member of the 1989 and 1990 conference championship teams as a student-athlete in the baseball program; and

WHEREAS, Hank Banner has recorded 482 career coaching victories and has guided the Highland Cavaliers Baseball team to numerous personal and career bests, including 33 student-athlete career records and 35 single-season school records; and

WHEREAS, Hank Banner led the baseball program to its third conference championship in 2011 when the team won the Mid-South Eastern Division crown; and

WHEREAS, during Hank Banner's tenure, UVA Wise has advanced to regional play on three occasions, including posting a pair of third place finishes; and

WHEREAS, Hank Banner was recognized by the University of Virginia's College at Wise as Coach of the Year for his long service to the program and to the College overall; for his interest and development of student-athletes; and for his distinction as "the winningest" coach in College history;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Hank Banner their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Mable Bolling

WHEREAS, Mable Bolling has been an outstanding staff member at The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 16 years serving as Housekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Mable Bolling's work ethic, attention to detail and consistency created a safe, hygienic, and pleasant living and working environment for the entire College community including visitors and guests; and

WHEREAS, Mable Bolling demonstrated an unwavering sense of purpose and persistence in the execution of her professional responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time when her experience would prove essential and critical for the well-being and safety of the UVA Wise campus community; and

WHEREAS, Mable Bolling is among a core group of UVA Wise professionals who daily arrive to work before dawn and who often go unseen, yet whose value and contributions to the College at Wise are felt at all times and in all corners of campus; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Mable Bolling their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Mary Calhoun

WHEREAS, Mary Calhoun has been an outstanding staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 29 years serving as Housekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Mary Calhoun's work ethic, attention to detail and consistency created a safe, hygienic, and pleasant living and working environment for the entire College community including visitors and guests; and

WHEREAS, Mary Calhoun demonstrated an unwavering sense of purpose and persistence in the execution of her professional responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time when her experience would prove essential and critical for the well-being and safety of the UVA Wise campus community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Calhoun is among a core group of UVA Wise professionals who daily arrive to work before dawn and who often go unseen, yet whose value and contributions to the College at Wise are felt at all times and in all corners of campus; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Mary Calhoun their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Shirley Calton

WHEREAS, Shirley Calton has been an outstanding staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 38 years, serving most recently as Financial Services Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Calton first began her career at The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 1982 as a receptionist answering the College switchboard, sorting mail and greeting visitors, and was quickly promoted to an Administrative and Office Specialist in Accounts Payable; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Calton demonstrated tremendous ease and expertise with financial policies and procedures consistent with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the University of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Calton remained current and proficient in financial systems and in particular Oracle software while maintaining a working knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting principles (GAAP); and

WHEREAS, Shirley Calton served the campus community with great pride, commitment and dedication day-to-day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Shirley Calton their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Janice Davis

WHEREAS, Janice Davis has been an outstanding and distinguished staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 19 years, serving as Housekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Janice Davis earned credit for coursework completed at Mountain Empire Community College; and

WHEREAS, Janice Davis's work ethic, attention to detail and consistency created a safe, hygienic, and pleasant living and working environment for the entire College community including visitors and guests; and

WHEREAS, Janice Davis demonstrated an unwavering sense of purpose and persistence in the execution of her professional responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time when her experience would prove essential and critical for the well-being and safety of the UVA Wise campus community; and

WHEREAS, Janice Davis is among a core group of UVA Wise professionals who daily arrive to work before dawn and who often go unseen, yet whose value and contributions to the College at Wise are felt at all times and in all corners of campus; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Janice Davis their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Susan Herron

WHEREAS, Susan Herron has been an outstanding staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 16 years, serving most recently as an Information Technology Policy and Compliance Analyst; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining The University of Virginia's College at Wise, Susan Herron served on the faculty of Keiser College at its Sarasota and Lakeland campuses in the Computer Network Engineering Technology program; and

WHEREAS, Susan Herron has enthusiastically pursued professional development opportunities, and has routinely earned certifications to remain current in computer networks and information technology; and

WHEREAS, Susan Herron has always carried out her duties with notable dedication and zeal; and

WHEREAS, Susan Herron has given generously of her time to the College; and

WHEREAS, Susan Herron has served the campus community with great pride, commitment and dedication day-to-day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Susan Herron their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Jeffery L. Kiser

WHEREAS, Jeffery Kiser has been an outstanding member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise staff for 31 years, mostly recently serving as a Trades Technician III; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Kiser has been an utterly dependable colleague who has demonstrated skill and ability in more areas than can be counted; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Kiser could always be counted on to deliver the highest level of quality and attention to any project undertaken; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Kiser has always carried out his duties with dedication, energy, enthusiasm and good humor;

WHEREAS, Jeffery Kiser has given generously of his time to the College;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Jeffery Kiser their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Paul E. Kilgore

WHEREAS, Paul Kilgore has been an outstanding and distinguished staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 28 years as Housekeeper; and

WHEREAS, Paul Kilgore first began his career at The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 1985 in Housekeeping Supervisor, leaving for a brief period in 1992 and returning to the College that same year; and

WHEREAS, Paul Kilgore's work ethic, attention to detail and consistency created a safe, hygienic, and pleasant living and working environment for the entire College community including visitors and guests; and

WHEREAS, Paul Kilgore demonstrated an unwavering sense of purpose and persistence in the execution of his professional responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time when his experience would prove essential and critical for the well-being and safety of the UVA Wise campus community; and

WHEREAS, Paul Kilgore is among a core group of UVA Wise professionals who daily arrive to work before dawn and who often go unseen, yet whose value and contributions to the College at Wise are felt at all times and in all corners of campus; and

WHEREAS, Paul Kilgore has given generously of his time to the College and was a constant presence at College traditions and events, and was notably of service to students at the end-of-semester Late Night Breakfast; and

WHEREAS, Paul Kilgore served the campus community with great pride, commitment and dedication day-to-day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Paul Kilgore their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Kimberly Marshall

WHEREAS, Kimberly Marshall has been an outstanding staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 36 years, serving most recently as Library Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Marshall's career prior to joining The University of Virginia's College at Wise was diverse and included roles such as Loan Servicing at Congressional Mortgage in McLean Virginia; bookkeeping at Debcon Coal; and serving as Clerk at the Lonesome Pine Regional Library; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Marshall is the 2013 recipient of Leonard Sandridge Outstanding Contribution Award for her exceptional management of the interlibrary loan program at the College at Wise; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Marshall's stellar service in the interlibrary loan program contributed to the enrichment and professional achievement of faculty, students and staff who sought her assistance and expert guidance; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Marshall is the 2013 recipient of Leonard Sandridge Outstanding Contribution Award for her exceptional management of the interlibrary loan program at the College at Wise; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Marshall has spent her career in awe of the library's ability to connect people and information in powerful ways; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly Marshall served the campus community with great pride and commitment day-to-day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Kimberly Marshall their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

Resolution of Appreciation

Elizabeth G. Mullins

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mullins has been an outstanding member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise staff for 13 years, serving most recently as an Administrative Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mullins earned a Bachelor of Science in Management from Clinch Valley College in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mullins' career prior to joining The University of Virginia's College at Wise was diverse and spanned medical billing and office management roles; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mullins has helped numerous faculty and students at the College, answering their questions and being a valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mullins has performed thousands of daily tasks, ordering supplies, reconciling budgets, managing student assistants; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mullins served the campus community with great pride, commitment and dedication day-to-day;

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mullins has willingly assisted with faculty programs; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Elizabeth Mullins their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

E. Carolea Newsome

WHEREAS, Carolea Newsome has been an outstanding staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 23 years, serving most recently as a Library Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Carolea Newsome first began her career at The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 1994 as an Office Services Specialist preparing correspondence; maintaining office files; administering office procedures for the Director of the Library; and interfacing with the public; and

WHEREAS, Carolea Newsome earned a Bachelor of Science in Business and Public Administration from Clinch Valley College; and

WHEREAS, Carolea Newsome was an outstanding student at Clinch Valley College and was a member of the Darden Society and the Omicron Delta Kappa Society; was recognized as an Outstanding Major in Business Administration; and received the Poor Farm Society Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Carolea Newsome has helped numerous faculty, students and staff at the College, answering their questions and being a valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, Carolea Newsome served the campus community with great pride, commitment and dedication day-to-day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Carolea Newsome their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Kris Pottenger

WHEREAS, Kris Pottenger has been an outstanding staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 14 years, serving most recently as Fiscal Accounts Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Kris Pottenger first began her career at The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 2006 as a Library Assistant where she monitored the circulation desk; provided instruction to students in searching databases and using the online catalog; and inspected and appraised the condition of books; and

WHEREAS, Kris Pottenger earned a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, Kris Pottenger began her career as a Client Associate at Merrill Lynch prior to assuming a role at Looseleaf Updates and later Cleveland Public Library as a Library Technician and Clerk in the Acquisitions and Serials Department, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Kris Pottenger has helped numerous faculty, students and staff at the College, answering their questions and being a valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, Kris Pottenger served the campus community with great pride, commitment and dedication day-to-day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Kris Pottenger their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

James R. Rose

WHEREAS, James Rose has been an outstanding staff member of The University of Virginia's College at Wise for 12 years serving as Housekeeper; and

WHEREAS, James Rose served in the U.S. Army at Fort Ord in Seaside, California; and

WHEREAS, James Rose completed certification in electricity and machines as well as computer applications and keyboarding at the Wise Skill Center; and

WHEREAS, James Rose further completed certification in personal computer repair at the International Correspondence School; and

WHEREAS, James Rose's work ethic, attention to detail and consistency created a safe, hygienic, and pleasant living and working environment for the entire College community including visitors and guests; and

WHEREAS, James Rose demonstrated an unwavering sense of purpose and persistence in the execution of his professional responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time when his experience would prove essential and critical for the well-being and safety of the UVA Wise campus community; and

WHEREAS, James Rose is among a core group of UVA Wise professionals who daily arrive to work before dawn and who often go unseen, yet whose value and contributions to the College at Wise are felt at all times and in all corners of campus; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to James Rose their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board

Resolution of Appreciation

Christopher R. Stidham

WHEREAS, Christopher Stidham has been an outstanding and distinguished member of the University of Virginia's College at Wise community for 32 years, most recently serving as a Trades Technician III; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Stidham first began his career at The University of Virginia's College at Wise in 1987 as a Utility Serviceman where he performed general maintenance on College facilities and maintained grounds and operations; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Stidham earned a High School Diploma from John I. Burton High School and furthermore completed certification in Welding at Wise County Technical; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Stidham has had a long career in public service having been employed at Norton City Schools and the City of Norton prior to joining The University of Virginia's College at Wise; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Stidham has served the campus community with great pride, commitment and dedication day-to-day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board, on behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and citizens of Southwest Virginia, extend to Christopher Stidham their profound gratitude, respect, and best wishes for all future endeavors on this day, November 19, 2021.