

Dr. Windsor

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT COLLEGE

BOARD OF VISITORS

MINUTES

May 11, 1977

The meeting was called to order by the Rector at 12:35. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted and approved as received.

Present:

Mr. Brauer  
Mr. Allaun  
Mr. Creech  
Dr. Fluharty  
Mr. Halliday  
Mr. Millner  
Mr. Walker  
Mr. Wason  
Dr. Wright

Absent:

Mrs. Pile  
Mrs. Passage

Report of the Rector:

Announced that in the Executive Committee meeting a change was suggested in the name of a committee:

From: Development and Alumni Committee

To: Development and College Relations Committee  
and recommended that this be accepted by the Board.

Noted a recommended change in the Bylaws which will be acted on at the next meeting of the Board.

Recommended a change in meeting days and dates because of conflicts of some members of the Board. Change from second Wednesday to second Thursday. A motion that the dates be so changed was made by Dr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Wason. Motion carried - all in favor.

Discussed plans for Friday, July 1--meeting to begin at 10:00 A.M. with a business meeting of the Board. Immediately afterward (11:00 A.M.) to theatre for ceremonial meeting, with luncheon after the meeting.

Discussed the design and purchase of a Mace for CNC. The Executive Committee recommends that Dr. Windsor and Dr. Melton be given the authority to make arrangements with a craftsman at Colonial Williamsburg and have the Mace ready for the meeting on July 1. A motion was made to this effect by Mr. Millner and seconded by Mr. Halliday. So moved. All in favor.

Dr. Windsor announced that the Senior Class is giving the College a gift of \$300 to be used for the construction of a permanent case for the Mace.

Mr. Brauer, continuing his report, made a few remarks about the Board in its first year and about the committees and committee structure - as it is and as it has functioned this year.

He announced that as of July 1 there will be a Committee on Honorary Degrees, and recommended that the committee not only have the responsibility for honorary degrees, but also for the Distinguished Service Award and other recognitions of this type. No action necessary.

Mr. Brauer spoke of the meeting he attended in the Governor's office on May 6, in reference to the Bond Referendum (November). Explained his feelings in the matter and the importance of having the Referendum pass, particularly the part that has to do with Higher Education.

Total (5 sections to be voted on separately - \$125,000,000

Higher Education Section - \$86,500,000. Any section can fail or pass without affecting any of the other sections. He says the Governor feels the state is in good shape as far as indebtedness is concerned. Dr. Windsor pointed out that in the folder (handout) given to the Board members for this meeting is a detailed account of the Bond Referendum as it affects CNC.

#### Report - Committee on Student Affairs

Mr. Halliday reporting:

A copy of the written report of the committee is attached to the file copy of the minutes. Also attached is a report on the Student Survey on Operation Self Help. There was some discussion on what the Board can do to help with this program. Would like to endorse the concept in principle. Involves faculty support and help, overall backing and some general backing in the way of trying to have the funding people help. Dr. Fluharty spoke about this program and the expectations of the students. With this program and the interest and help of the students the College should be able to get some of the needs of the College - accomplish them at less cost to the college. Mr. Allaun also has talked with the students about this program.

Dr. Wright questioned whether or not action by the Board needed and what action, if any. Mr. Allaun answered this in some detail, stressing the need to get the Board behind the students interested in this program. Dean Polis also answered Dr. Wright, saying the students need the opportunity to prove themselves with this program - they would be disappointed not to receive encouragement from the Board. Dr. Wright moved that the Board go on record as endorsing and encouraging the group; that the students be commended for the work they have done thus far where the Self Help idea is concerned and that the Board looks forward to receipt of the Charter of the group. Seconded by Mr. Allaun. Vote - unanimously in favor of this motion.



Report - Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. Allaun Reporting: (Written report of committee attached to file copy of the minutes).

Mr. Allaun announced that the committee heard a report by J. Epstein and that the two architectural firms scheduled for today presented their credentials. He recommended that no formal action be taken in regard to an out of town expert (architect) but that Dr. Windsor, Mr. Wason and Mr. Brauer talk about this with people concerned and decide whether it is worthwhile to spend money for this. Suggested that Dr. Windsor and the staff can better decide which architect can do the better job for the College.

Mr. Allaun made a motion that the Board approve the Resolution CN-4, Capital Outlay Requests for 1978-80. Dr. Wright seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Dr. Windsor gave an explanation of the formula used to determine the size and cost of buildings. Motion carried. All in favor.

There was a discussion about the long range plan of the college and a question of whether there is a long range plan to acquire additional property. Some discussion.

The Rector appointed a committee, Dr. Windsor, Mr. Wason and Mr. Walker, for one purpose - to get facts and figures about how much it would cost for an out of town consultant and what the institution really wants to do and be in the future - and asked that Dr. Windsor prepare a statement about the college's experience with the architects who have worked for the college - how good or bad their work has been.

Report - Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. Savage reporting: (Written report of committee is attached to the file copy of the minutes).

Questioned whether the Board should issue a statement about the mission of the College at the July 1 meeting - how the Board really feels about the College and its mission. The chairman of the committee thinks this would be in order but is not sure of the mechanics involved.

Dr. Wright spoke to this also - he suggested that there should be input from faculty and students as well as the Board. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to have a rough draft of such a statement to submit and share with the Faculty Advisory Committee and with student representatives, get their suggestions and send to the Board for comments. The Rector so ordered.

The Rector congratulated Dr. Edwards on his appointment as Dean of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Edwards commented on the research on the study of grade inflation and Dr. Wright indicated that grade inflation is a national phenomenon, easily documented.

It was moved and seconded that Resolutions CN-1, Faculty Promotions, and CN-2, Faculty Tenure, be approved by the Board. It was so moved - all in favor. Dr. Wright suggested that in the future it would be an advantage for the Board to have more information on the faculty mentioned in such resolutions. Dr. Windsor answered that the information is available now and will be in the future.

Report - Committee on Financial Affairs

Mr. Creech reporting. A copy of the written report of the committee is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Mr. Creech made a motion that Resolution CN-5, Approval of Increase in Tuition and Comprehensive Fee, be approved. Second, Dr. Wright. All in favor.

Mr. Creech made a motion that Resolution CN-3, Operating Budget-Fiscal Year 1977-78, be approved. Second, Mr. Millner. All in favor.

A motion was made by Mr. Millner and seconded by Mr. Walker that a resolution be prepared and spread upon the minutes of the Board, expressing appreciation for Mrs. Carney's work as secretary to the President. (To be prepared by Dr. Melton). It was so moved. All in favor.

Report - Committee on Development and College Relations

Mr. Millner (Fund Report). Asked that Dr. Windsor give a report on how the fund is to be divided and used. The Committee would like to be sure the staff, faculty and students are included in the use of this fund.

The Speakers' Bureau brochure has been sent out. The committee would like to suggest that someone be hired to replace the information officer who resigned earlier this year, so the work can go forward. Dr. Windsor suggested that the committee be involved in choosing the new information officer.

Mr. Brauer thanked the committee for the work done on the fund drive.

Report - President

Dr. Windsor made an announcement about the Governor's visit with the Budget Committee on May 25th. He expressed the hope that the members of the Board will be able to come to lunch and the presentation to the Governor.

A suggestion was made that the Board empower the Executive Committee to take any necessary action on the budget during the interim period during the summer. No action necessary - this is taken care of in the Bylaws.



Dr. Windsor discussed the matter of liability insurance for the Board and for certain officers of the College. Some discussion. Dr. Wright made a motion that the Executive Committee be empowered to accept insurance coverage subsequent to getting in touch with the other companies suggested, C. B. West and Morgan Marrow, and that this be done before July 1, 1977. Seconded by Mr. Allaun. Motion carried. All in favor.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

Announcement about graduation on May 15th.

The meeting adjourned.

Edna P. Carney