

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT COLLEGE

BOARD OF VISITORS

Minutes

January 19, 1977

All members present.

The meeting convened at 1:08 P. M., called to order by the Chairman. Mr. Brauer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes; there being none, the minutes were approved.

Report of the Rector: Mr. Brauer made an announcement about the William and Mary Board of Visitors meeting, Jan 20, 21, and 22, and expressed the hope that those who have been attending will continue to do so or send a representative. He also told the members of the Board that he will be attending the regular session of the Council of Visitors; he attended the first meeting of this new organization, formed at the instigation of college presidents, composed of Rectors, Vice-Rectors and Presidents of each institution to discuss common problems. Mr. Brauer asked Mr. Wason if he'd like to say anything about the meeting and Mr. Wason told something about the meeting and the problems that were discussed.

Mr. Brauer welcomed guests who were present at the Board meeting:

Dr. Edwards
Dr. Beal
Mrs. Mazzearella

Report of the Committee on Development: This report was given at the luncheon meeting. (See attached notes regarding this report.) (Mr. Millner)

Students attending committee meetings add to the meetings. The faculty has asked that members of the faculty also be allowed to attend these committee meetings. The consensus of opinion was that there are no objections, but that they (the faculty members) may be asked to leave if there is need to discuss some problem in private. Dr. Daly made the formal request and was told that faculty members may attend the meetings in March and May and that the Board will make a formal decision before the beginning of the new year on July 1, 1977.

Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs: (Mr. Savage)

1. Faculty Appointments (Resolution) (Copy attached to the minutes)

Mr. Savage moved that the Board approve the resolution. Mr. Creech asked that the matter wait until his report was made. Mr. Savage agreed.

Mr. Savage reported that a recent meeting with the Council of Higher Education has very likely brought about improvement in the growth pattern projections--that

Dr. Windsor and others have been effective in bringing about an agreement from the State Council in regard to the peer grouping formula.

Mr. Savage discussed the textbook/bookstore situation, used books, differential in prices of books, etc. He suggested that there should be a committee from the SGA to confer with the bookstore management and that a report should be brought to the Board Committee at the next meeting.

Dr. Windsor explained something of the bookstore problem--large inventory, low mark up, etc., and explained why the bookstore took over the job of selling used textbooks.

Mr. Savage continued his report: discussed turnover in faculty and reasons for losing good faculty while those not so good stay on--one of the facts being a lack of money for attendance at meetings, research, etc. No action was taken on this but there was eloquent discussion. He also reported on library deficiencies and need for additional library development and supplies.

Dr. Edwards and Dr. Windsor commented on the difficulties caused by lack of funds for travel and professional development.

Report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds: (Mr. Allaun)

Mr. Allaun suggested that as we get closer to our separation from William and Mary that we should broaden our look at funds available for capital outlay projects; explore federal sources and other sources of funds. He stated that he would welcome any input from anyone who has anything positive to say on this subject. He talked about the need for the new road and the fact that this matter is now before the City Council and that a word from someone on the Board might be helpful. He also stated that he hoped to have the architects at the next regular meeting in order to learn more about the whole situation.

Report of the Committee on Financial Affairs: (Mr. Creech)

Mr. Creech suggested that we must be mindful of our operations--that we must meet our budget. (He called attention to the fact that he was talking about operational expenditures, not capital expenditures). He also stressed the fact that without very careful spending, we will have a deficit at the end of the fiscal year. (See attached report by Mr. Creech).

Report of Committee on Student Affairs: (Mrs. Passage) (See report attached)

Mrs. Passage spoke of the needs and desires of the students in regard to student services--what can be taken from student fees, since the state does not provide funds for student services and they cannot be funded from tuition--question of health services for one thing.

Discussion of grades received so late that registration almost over and some have still not received their grades for last semester.

Announcement - Graduation will be on Sunday, May 15, at 8:00 P.M., preceded by dinner for guests of the College.

Mr. Savage restated his motion that the Resolution on Faculty Appointments be approved. Seconded by Mr. Creech. No discussion. Motion carried.

Report of the President: (Dr. Windsor)

Va. Plan for Higher Education (will try to get copies for members of the Board)

Letter to Mr. Smiley

Letter - Attorney General

Letter - Southern Association

Meeting with members of the Board and members of the General Assembly and appreciation for backing of the Board.

Peer grouping

Enrollment projections

Capital Outlay Plan

Recommendation: That we move the library building to the top of the priority list and put the office building as No. 2.

A motion was made by Mr. Allaun, seconded by Mr. Walker, that we put the library as first priority on the Capital Outlay Plan, and change it in time to take the revised version to the meeting of the William and Mary Board of Visitors later this week, and that the office building be placed second on the list (understanding that may come back later for a change in priorities). Short discussion. Motion carried.

Dr. Windsor called attention to his listing of Immediate and Future Goals, which was recommended for leisure reading by the Board.

Mr. Walker - ^{regation}Desegregation in colleges. Discussed article and suggested that we do something before the NAACP faces us with something that we will be forced to do.

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 P.M.

Edna Carney

Committee on Development: Notes from Dr. Fluharty

The committee received the plan for student solicitation for college development funds from Mr. Ashcraft. He indicated an organization designed to solicit funds through student organizations--day and night students, parents, etc. In addition to this organization Mr. Ashcraft presented plans for six programs to be presented in the evening to provide funds for the college. The committee applauded Mr. Ashcraft's organization and encouraged him to proceed.

Mr. Wason inquired of the committee as to the list of funds that might be obtained, pointing out that intelligent solicitation could only be made with that information in advance.

There seemed to be no pertinent information about where these funds are going to be used--scholarships, faculty research and development, library? Should have information on needs of each in order to have a unified distribution of funds.

Committee on Financial Affairs: Notes from Mr. Creech

The obligation of the college to live within its budget must remain a primary objective.

The institution is half-way through the current fiscal year. Our expenditures are 53+%. Although this prospective deficit is a small percentage, it represents a significant shortfall if corrective measures are not taken. Since salaries represent such a large portion of our budget and since reductions have already been made in other areas, reductions in the amounts expended for salaries must be considered.

The budget process is under way. An interim report should be ready by the March meeting of the Board.

Report of Committee on Student Affairs: Mrs. Passage

The Committee on Student Affairs met in regular session from 9:45 - 10:45 A. M. in the Campus Center with Mary Passage, Chairman, presiding. New SGA president, Mike Leininger, introduced members of the Student Liaison Committee who were present. They serve as student representatives on the various committees of the Board of Visitors.

Mike spoke of the work done by the executive board during the holidays and semester break. He and Sam Fairchild, Attorney General, are serving as representatives to a task force committee to draw up guidelines for legal justification for college student associations. The work was initiated by Ira Leakner who recently visited the CNC campus and was tremendously impressed with the make-up of the Christopher Newport Student Association.

The SGA president also outlined the reorganization of the student body on departmental division lines in lieu of the old class divisions which have not proved to be highly satisfactory. There will also be representation for unclassified students.

Board member, Harry Wason, referred to a statement made at a recent meeting by former SGA president, George Lord; i. e., students are socially isolated. He asked, "What do you plan or suggest that can be done on campus to improve this?" Liaison committee member, Jay Cipriano, expressed the idea that students are not socially isolated but rather that they are socially isolated from the community. The make-up of the student body precludes any high degree of isolation on campus since many of them have responsibilities that take them off campus except when they are in class. At the present time, most student activities are geared to the "young" age group.

Dean Polis reported on the status of student health services. He is presently working on a student questionnaire to be distributed later this month. This should give student reaction to health services they desire. Any such services must be provided through the student comprehensive fee since no assistance is permitted either through state funds or tuition money. Dr. King, Director of the Peninsula Health Center has expressed an interest in ^{the} health program for Christopher Newport students.

Sam Fairchild spoke of the concern many students expressed to him over the timing of the receipt of grades and second semester registration. This will be passed on to the proper committee for any action.

Adrian London, a member of the Captain's Log staff plans to interview Board members sometime within the next two weeks. The interviews will be run as a continuing series in the Captain's Log.