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CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT COLLEGE:
CHANGE IN LIAISON RELATIONSHIP "

The Board of Visitors on June 1, 1968, under Resolution RB-CN-2, established a Committee to explore the scope, duties, and responsibilities of a position to be known as Coordinator, "or a similar appropriate title," for the two branch colleges. The Committee's recommendations, presented on June 6, were followed, and Dr. J. H. Willis, Jr. was appointed as Liaison Officer for the branch colleges with the following duties:

1. Approve faculty appointments.
2. Maintain a file of copies of information concerning faculty, including applications, transcripts and recommendation material.
3. Review budgets and all material to be presented to the Board of Visitors.
4. Advise, consult and recommend on matters of curriculum.
5. Assist in physical planning and development.
6. Advise on matters of institutional policy, including the areas of admissions, library, and student personnel services.
7. Assist in planning the escalation of Christopher Newport College with the prerogative of seeking assistance from faculty members and committees at the College of William and Mary.

As these duties developed, the Liaison Officer was charged with the responsibility of approving all course changes and approving any degree program proposals before they were submitted to the Board of Visitors for final approval.

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At the meeting of the Board of Visitors on May 15, 1970, the Board recognized the need for the Liaison Officer to devote full time to his responsibilities at Christopher Newport College. An Acting President had just been appointed at Christopher Newport, and the faculty was engaged in the last stages of a self-study prior to a visitation from the Southern Association in the spring of 1971 to determine accreditation as a four-year institution. By resolution at this May meeting, the Board of Visitors relieved the Liaison Officer, Dr. Willis, of his duties with Richard Bland College, so that he might "spend more time and energy in working with the various problems at Christopher Newport College, one immediate problem being that of hopefully assuring accreditation as a four-year college in 1971."

Christopher Newport College has now reached a degree of development and academic quality which makes unnecessary the past liaison relationship. The Visitation Committee from the Southern Association has reported its findings, which seem favorable. The College now awaits four-year accreditation, pending changes in the relationship between the College of William and Mary and Christopher Newport College in regard to the role of the liaison officer and the curricular autonomy of the faculty. Such changes seem desirable at this time in order to foster the continuing academic development and self-reliance of Christopher Newport College, while strengthening the basic educational and administrative relationship between it and the College of William and Mary.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors hereby records its appreciation to Dr. John H. Willis, Jr. for his effective and constructive service as the Liaison Officer to Christopher Newport College and for the important role he has played in assisting Christopher Newport to attain its present status-in-readiness for accreditation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors discontinue the position of Liaison Officer for Christopher Newport College. Thus, the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the College of William and Mary

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shall administer the instructional and educational programs of Christopher Newport College in the same manner that he carries out his responsibilities at the College of William and Mary, consistent with Article II, Section 3, paragraph 1 of the By-laws of the Board of Visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the President of Christopher Newport College henceforth report directly to the President of the College of William and Mary, consistent with Article II, Section 1, paragraph 4 of the By-laws of the Board of Visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the By-laws of the Board of Visitors be modified accordingly, to read as follows:

Article II, Section 3, paragraph 1, line 4 ff. The Vice President for Academic Affairs, under the direction of the Executive Vice President and in accordance with policies established by the Board of Visitors, shall administer the instructional and educational programs of the College of William and Mary and Christopher Newport College, and through the Board-designated Liaison Officer ~~or Officers~~, the instructional and educational programs of Richard Bland College.

Article III, Section 1, paragraph 2, lines 5-6. ... designated Liaison Officer ~~(or officers)~~ for Richard Bland College, ...

Article III, Section 2, lines 1-4. Responsibility for instruction within the College of William and Mary and Christopher Newport College shall be vested in the faculty of the Colleges under the direction of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The faculties of the College of William and Mary shall include...

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Article III, Section 3, paragraph 2, lines 1-3. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, ~~or~~ the Dean of a School or the President of Christopher Newport College or, in the case of Richard Bland College, the ~~respective~~ President, ...

Article III, Section 4, line 13 ff., and who shall have conferred regarding such appointments with the President of Christopher Newport College, or with the Board-designated Liaison Officer ~~(or officers)~~ for Richard Bland College and its President.

Article IV, Section 1. Courses of study in the College of William and Mary in Virginia and in Christopher Newport College shall be developed by the respective faculties, with due regard to intra-institutional relationships, the mission of the Colleges, the role of the Colleges in the Virginia System of Higher Education, and the fiscal capabilities of the Colleges, and when approved by the President of William and Mary on advice of the Executive Vice President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs in the case of William and Mary, and on the advice of the President of Christopher Newport College and Vice President for Academic Affairs in the case of Christopher Newport, they shall be published as the academic curricula of the Colleges.

In the instance of Richard Bland College, the courses of study shall be arranged by its Presidents-in conference with appropriate faculty members, and approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs on the recommendation of the Board-designated Liaison Officer ~~(or officers)~~ for the Branch Colleges.