

GEORGE MASON COLLEGE
Advisory Board
Minutes, January 24, 1972

Present: Messrs. Arundel, Caruthers, Harrison, Hazel, Henderson, Mann, Tiffany and Wood; Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Taylor; Messrs. Adams, Clark, and McDowell; Chancellor Thompson.

Absent: Messrs. Bryan, Hirst, Parris, Shafran, and Thomson.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

I. The Thomson Bill: The Chancellor stated that since the last Board meeting, he has met twice with Department Chairmen giving them as much information as he has on the proposed bill. The chief concerns of the department chairmen are the timing; i.e. search committee for a new chancellor; and the composition of a Board of Visitors.

After some general discussion of the Bill, the following RESOLUTION was unanimously endorsed:

WHEREAS George Mason College is an emerging university in its own right, and

WHEREAS the College has received full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and

WHEREAS the Advisory Board feels it is the sense of the community that it is in the best interest of George Mason College that it become a free standing university in its own right;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Advisory Board of George Mason College that it express its gratitude and appreciation to the President, Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia for nurturing and guiding the development of George Mason from a junior community college to an emerging university and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Board of George Mason College supports the bill being introduced into the General Assembly which would separate George Mason College from the University of Virginia making it a free standing university in its own right.

The discussion which followed dealt with the details and contents of the Bill. Mr. Arundel presented a draft of a resolution (copy attached) for the Board to consider in connection with the Thomson bill. The following motions were made.

It was MOVED and seconded that:

The George Mason University Board of Visitors shall consist of 16 members appointed for staggered terms of four years each.

Motion passed.

It was MOVED and seconded that:

the recommendation stating "that such Board shall reflect the statewide character of the institution including but not be restricted to citizens residing in the Counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Fauquier and Loudoun, and any adjoining city with a population in excess of 50,000, as measured by the most recent U.S. Census;" be stricken.

Motion passed.

Mr. Mann MOVED that:

the recommendation stating "that such Board shall not exclude up to two out-of-state members ..." be stricken.

Motion seconded and failed.

Mr. Mann MOVED that:

the Governor may appoint the Board of Visitors from a list of qualified persons submitted to him by the George Mason College Foundation, Inc.

Motion seconded.

After the discussion which followed, Mr. Mann withdrew his motion and MOVED that:

the Governor may appoint the Board of Visitors from a list of qualified persons submitted to him by the George Mason College Foundation, Inc. and the Alumni Association of George Mason University.

Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed.

It was MOVED, seconded and passed:

to delete from this legislation any recommendation that the present Advisory Board recommend their appointment on the initial Board of Visitors.

It was MOVED, seconded and passed:

that the officers of the Board of Visitors shall be elected by the Board.

It was MOVED, seconded and passed:

that the Chairman of the Advisory Board designate a Special Committee of the Board for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Board's resolution and motions of this legislation.

II. Budget items for Reclama: Chancellor Thompson said that the administration has been studying the enrollment trends at George Mason and this last week submitted a revision of enrollment projections to the State Council of Higher Education which indicates that during the next biennium we will have an increase of 535 students over and above those which were submitted to the Governor's Office. This last fall, we had an 8 1/2% increase in the full-time enrollment projections and applications for next fall are above any level they have ever been. The projected headcount for fall 1972 is 3,700 and for fall 1973, 4,400.

Mr. Henry Adams, Business Manager, reviewed the Governor's recommended 1972-74 operating budget for George Mason College. (Copy of his report is attached for members who were absent.) An increase in the funding recommended by the Governor for the 1972-74 operating budget is needed based on the following factors:

1. The need for additional faculty and staff to support an increase of 535 FTE students in regular sessions;
2. Deficiencies in the Governor's recommended budget for Libraries;
3. An increase in physical plant space as a result of leasing the old Fairfax High School; and
4. To support new and enlarged functions in the event George Mason College becomes an independent university in 1972.

The total increase in funds needed is:

	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>Total</u>
From General Fund	\$495,000	\$502,000	\$997,000
From Special Funds	<u>140,000</u>	<u>170,000</u>	<u>310,000</u>
Total Increase	\$635,000	\$672,000	\$1,307,000

It was MOVED, seconded and passed that:

The Chancellor seek an increase in the funding recommended by the Governor for George Mason College for the 1972-74 operating budget.

Mr. James Clark, Director of Planning, reviewed the Governor's recommended 1972-74 capital outlay budget for George Mason (Copy of his report is enclosed for absent members.) Mr. Clark stated that the Governor's recommended capital outlay budget does include full support of the primary building projects requested. However, there is an inadequate level of funds proposed for utilities and site work which is critical if we are to support the rising student and faculty population. The funds and authority required for utilities and site work should be increased from \$244,795 to \$777,895.

A second item of concern in the recommended capital outlay budget involves the Student Union. The 1972-74 capital outlay budget for George Mason requested authority and \$43,500 from the General Fund to carry on planning of Phase II of the Union through the working drawing phase. This request was not included in the Governor's recommended budget. It is recommended that the proposed Appropriation Bill be reworded so that it authorizes planning of Phase II of the Union through the "working drawing" stage. No additional funds are requested for this purpose. The cost of completing the working drawings for the Union (estimated at \$43,500) will be financed from Revenue Bonds. This will not require an increase in the Revenue Bond issue inasmuch as the recent construction bid price for Phase I was \$80,000 below the budgeted construction cost.

It was MOVED, seconded and passed that:

The Chancellor seek an increase in the funds proposed for utilities and site work recommended by the Governor for George Mason College for 1972-74 capital outlay budget and a rewording of the Appropriation Bill in order for it to authorize planning of Phase II of the Student Union through the "working drawing" stage.

IV. Chancellor Thompson met with several officials at the University last week to discuss the proposed agreement for the University of Virginia George Mason College Center for Continuing Education. The University does not want to enter into an agreement at this time until the separation of George Mason College has been determined. The Chancellor further commented that VPI Extension enrollment has gone up and is reflected in the decrease in enrollment at the Northern Virginia Center. His concern is that there are at least two institutions in Northern Virginia who are competing with each other. If George Mason is to become a regional university in Northern Virginia, it has the responsibility to develop these continuing education programs. Unless George Mason absorbs the Center, it will dry up. VPI offers resident credit and the Center does not.

V. The report of the Nominating Committee has been accepted by President Shannon and letters of reappointment were sent this week to Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Arundel, and Mr. Henderson. Sen. Selwyn Smith of Manassas was also appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

VI. Transition period of George Mason College to George Mason University. If the legislation to separate George Mason is passed effective July 1, which is the expiration date of Chancellor Thompson's contract, the question of continuity in the administration of the College is of great concern to all members of the George Mason family.

It was MOVED, seconded, and unanimously passed that:

The Advisory Board request the President and the Board of Visitors of the University to extend Chancellor Thompson's appointment to August 31, 1972, to effect the transition period.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bernhardt
(Mrs.) Sandy Bernhardt

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