

**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS  
Virginia State University, Virginia 23806**

**MINUTES  
Thursday, April 19, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Katherine Busser, Vice Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University (“VSU”) Board of Visitors (“Board”) to order in Room A of the Gateway Dining Event Center at 12:28 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

*Board Members Present:*

Mr. Felix Davis, Jr., Rector (*absent*)  
Ms. Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector  
Brigadier General (RET) Alfred J. Cade, Secretary (*absent*)  
Mr. George K. Anas, II  
Mr. Jerry B. Bias (*absent*)  
Mr. Harry Black  
Dr. William C. Boshier  
Mr. Allyn Myles Carnam  
Ms. Catherine H. Gillespie  
Mr. Terone Green  
Mr. E. Ray Murphy  
Ms. Daphne M. Reid  
Mr. James H. Starkey, III  
Ms. Barbara Steverson  
Mr. Spencer L. Timm  
Dr. Emmanuel Omojokun, Faculty Member Representative  
Mr. Brandon Randleman, Student Government Association Representative

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Keith T. Miller, President  
Dr. W. Weldon Hill, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Michael M. Shackelford, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Mr. David J. Meadows, Vice President of Administration and Finance  
Mr. James Tyson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement  
Mr. Cortez K. Dial, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Elliott L. Wheelan, Associate Vice President for Human Resources  
Ms. Joanne Curtis Taylor, Chief Audit Executive

*Legal Counsel Present:*

Mr. Roscoe C. Roberts, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Bonnie N. Degen, Legal Assistant, University Legal Counsel  
Ms. Christy G. Brown, Paralegal, University Legal Counsel

*Other Attendees:*

Mr. Michael Wallace, VSU Chief of Police  
Ms. Gayle O'Neal, Manager, VSU Human Resources  
Mr. Travis Edmonds, VSU Office of Information Technology

**OPENING REMARKS**

The Vice Rector asked all present to pause for a moment of reverent silence.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Prior to his presentation, President Miller asked that Mr. Michael Wallace, VSU Chief of Police, provide an update on the shooting incident that took place outside of campus. The Vice Rector expressed concern about the length of time that elapsed between the campus police department's awareness of the shooting and the department's decision to send out Rave alerts to students, staff, faculty and administrators, including notice to board members. Extensive board discussion ensued regarding campus emergency processes and procedures. The administration will examine all protocols relating to notice to the campus community including the decision-making process to issue Rave alerts with attendant lockdowns if necessary.

President Miller highlighted and discussed: the progress of the Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM); dual enrollment partnerships with area schools; the Honda Battle of the Bands and VSU's performance and creativity within the arts; international educational opportunities; the continued branding and marketing of the University; speaking engagements, community events, and campus visits which included: Mr. Tom Vilsak, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Senator William Wampler; the Congressional Black Caucus; Congressman Randy Forbes; Mr. Peter Blake, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia; Mr. Glen Sink, Center for Rural Virginia; Ms. Kim Scheeler, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Michael Greenburg, Physicians Assistant Board; Mr. Ralph Sampson, Basketball Hall of Fame; and Ms. Gloria Carter, Carter Foundation.

The Vice Rector recessed the meeting of the full Board at 1:21 p.m. to allow for concurrent committee meetings. The reports of matters considered by the committees are included in the minutes of the Board's meeting on Friday, April 20, 2012.

**Board Meeting**  
**Friday, April 20, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Katherine Busser, Vice Rector, called the meeting of the Virginia State University (“VSU”) Board of Visitors (“Board”) to order in Room A of the Gateway Dining Event Center at 8:12 a.m. Committee meetings were held Thursday afternoon and the reports of matters considered by the Board’s committees are included in these minutes.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum was present.

*Board Members Present:*

Mr. Felix Davis, Jr., Rector (*absent*)  
Ms. Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector  
Brigadier General (RET) Alfred J. Cade, Secretary  
Mr. George K. Anas, II  
Mr. Jerry B. Bias (*absent*)  
Mr. Harry Black  
Dr. William C. Boshier (*absent*)  
Mr. Allyn Myles Carnam  
Ms. Catherine H. Gillespie  
Mr. Terone Green  
Mr. E. Ray Murphy  
Ms. Daphne M. Reid  
Mr. James H. Starkey, III  
Ms. Barbara Steverson  
Mr. Spencer L. Timm (*arrived 8:16 a.m.*)  
Dr. Emmanuel Omojokun, Faculty Member Representative  
Mr. Brandon Randleman, Student Government Association Representative

*Administration Present:*

Dr. Keith T. Miller, President  
Dr. W. Weldon Hill, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Michael M. Shackelford, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Mr. David J. Meadows, Vice President for Administration and Finance  
Mr. James Tyson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement  
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*Other Attendees:*

Dr. Larry C. Brown, VSU Department of Engineering, Science and Technology  
Ms. Gayle O'Neal, Manager, VSU Human Resources  
Mr. Travis Edmonds, Office of Information Technology

**OPENING REMARKS**

On behalf of the Board, the Vice Rector recognized the efforts and leadership of Rector Felix Davis. On his behalf, she expressed sincere gratitude for the Board's diligence and efforts, which have greatly contributed to the successes and forward progress of the University. Ms. Busser highlighted some of the many accomplishments over the past year and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the University's students and faculty. Ms. Busser extended a special thank you to President Miller's cabinet staff for a job well done.

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Busser presented Board Member Spencer Timm with a resolution recognizing his eight years of dedicated service and support of Virginia State University. She also noted his very successful efforts to raise the level of giving to the University from alumni, the public and members of the Board.

The Vice Rector asked all present to pause for a moment of reverent silence.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice Rector Busser called for approval of the minutes of the Board meeting held January 19-20, 2012, and the Resource and Governance Committee Meeting held March 19, 2012. A motion for their approval was made by Ms. Reid, seconded by BG (RET) Cade, and the minutes were approved by voice vote.

**PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT**

President Miller thanked the Board members for their participation in university activities and their support as the University moves forward.

The President gave a brief recap of his presentation given Thursday, and the forward progress of the University.

President Miller introduced Mr. Jimmie Fredrick, an undergraduate student majoring in Social Work. Mr. Fredrick highlighted his experiences as a wounded veteran, purple heart recipient and non-traditional VSU student. His comments concerning his positive educational experiences at the University were well received by the Board members.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Ms. Barbara Steverson, Chair of the **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**, highlighted the committee's agenda items and discussed the committee's work during its meeting. *(Steverson, Busser, Gillespie, Green, Murphy, Timm, Boshier, Omojokun, and Randleman were present for the committee meeting held on Thursday.)*

Ms. Steverson discussed the review of, and revisions to, the Faculty Handbook as the University looks to ensure that the handbook is consistent with other institutions of higher education. As the committee receives structured information, the committee looks to share with the full Board.

Provost Hill discussed the new Bachelors of Science degree program in Food and Nutrition Science, which is a derivative of the current Bachelors of Science in Family and Consumer Science Dietetic Concentration. On behalf of the committee, Ms. Steverson presented for approval, the new Bachelors of Science in Food and Nutrition Science program. The motion carried by roll call voice vote, which was unanimous.

Provost Hill provided an update on the four upcoming major accreditations: the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB); Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE); Council on Social Work Accreditation (CSWA); and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). He also highlighted some of the recent major academic accomplishments which included the following: the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant received by the School of Agriculture; the Reginald F. Lewis School of Business as a finalist for the prestigious Technology Innovation Award and for being named a finalist as the "Best Business Program at a Historically Black College and University (HBCU)"; and VSU's first Woodrow Wilson Fellow nominee.

Dr. Shackelford discussed enrollment and indicated that the University anticipates a 5% increase in student enrollment over last fall's enrollment.

Mr. Dial provided a report on spring sports, and discussed the recent shooting incident and highlighted the expected revisions to the University's emergency action plan. The Board was very engaged in the University's reaction to the shooting incident. Board members again expressed

concern about the delay in issuing the Rave alert to the campus community, and Mr. Dial indicated that in the future, alerts will be issued sooner. Further discussion of this matter would take place during the Facilities, Finance and Audit Committee report.

### **Resource and Governance Committee**

Ms. Daphne Reid, Chair of the **Resource and Governance Committee**, highlighted the committee's agenda items and discussed the committee's work during its meeting. (*Reid, Anas, Black, Cade, Carnam, and Starkey were present for the committee meeting held on Thursday.*)

On behalf of the committee, Ms. Reid presented and moved for approval the 2012-2013 Board Officers, and Chair and Liaison recommendations with an effective date of July 1, 2012. Board Officer recommendations: Ms. Busser, Rector; Mr. Black, Vice Rector; Ms. Steverson, Secretary. Board Executive Committee recommendations: Ms. Busser, Mr. Black, Ms. Steverson, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Starkey. Board liaison recommendations: Real Estate Foundation, Mr. Green; and the VSU Foundation, Mr. Anas. Board Committee Chair recommendations: Mr. Murphy, Chair, Facilities, Finance and Audit; Ms. Steverson, Chair, Academic and Student Affairs; Mr. Black, Chair, Resource and Governance; and Mr. Starkey, Chair, Development. The motion carried by roll call voice vote, which was unanimous.

Ms. Reid discussed the President's evaluation schedule.

Ms. Reid presented and moved for approval amendments to *Article IV Powers and Duties of the Board*, of the Board's bylaws. The proposed bylaw amendments would remove the word "ratification" and replace it with "confirmation," and the footnote is amended:

6. *Confirmation of the appointments by the President, including all Vice Presidents and Deans.*

8. *Approval and confirmation of promotions, grants of tenure, and employment of faculty and administrators.*

Footnote: *In practice the President and officers of the University make interim appointments which are confirmed by the Board.* This practice applies to sections 6 and 8 as stated above.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Anas, and carried by roll call voice vote, which was unanimous.

Mr. Starkey presented for approval an amendment to the Board's bylaws. All naming and references to the Development Committee shall hence forth be referred to as the Institutional Advancement Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Reid, and carried by voice vote, which was unanimous.

### **Facilities, Finance, and Audit Committee**

Mr. E. Ray Murphy, Chair of the **Facilities, Finance and Audit Committee**, highlighted the committee's agenda items and discussed the committee's work during its meeting. *(Murphy, Black, Busser, Carnam, Green, and Steverson were present for the committee meeting held on Thursday.)*

Mr. Murphy expressed appreciation on behalf of the committee to the first responders of the shooting incident as well as those who protect the safety of the students and citizens on and off campus. Mr. Murphy discussed the University's post review of the shooting incident, the University's response, the University's processes and procedures, and opportunities for improvement in giving the campus community notice of such incidents. The committee and board look to receive an update on these matters from the administration at the September 2012 board meeting.

Mr. Murphy highlighted: the audit report; an increase in hotline cases and the resourcefulness of the audit team to the University.

Mr. Meadows provided a brief overview of the proposed schedule of tuition and fees for academic year 2012-2013: \$470 increase for resident undergraduates (6.6%); \$670 increase for resident graduates (8.0%); \$400 increase for nonresident undergraduates (2.5%); \$600 increase for nonresident graduates (3.5%). On behalf of the committee, Mr. Murphy moved for approval the resolution for Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2012-2013, and extensive discussion ensued. The motion carried by unanimous roll call voice vote.

Mr. Meadows discussed the proposed University Operating Budget for fiscal year 2013 totaling 172.7 million dollars. This represents an increase of 16.3 million dollars over fiscal year 2012. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Murphy moved for approval, the balanced Operating Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013, as certified by the Vice President of Administration and Finance. The motion carried by unanimous roll call voice vote.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Murphy presented and moved for approval the Resolution Authorizing Property Acquisition. The motion carried by unanimous roll call voice vote.

On behalf of the committee, Mr. Murphy presented and moved for approval the Resolution Authorizing Lease for Communications Tower. The motion carried by unanimous roll call voice vote.

### **Development Committee**

Mr. James H. Starkey, III, Chair of the **Development Committee**, highlighted the committee's agenda items and discussed the committee's work during its meeting. *(Starkey, Anas, Cade, Gillespie, Reid, Timm, and Bosher were present for the committee meeting held on Thursday.)*

Mr. Starkey highlighted the University's major gifts received through March 31, 2012, totaling \$547,854. Current fiscal year funds raised to date total \$3,046,730. Mr. Starkey discussed the Spider Management presentation and the VSU Endowment analysis and performance.

Mr. Tyson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, provided a comprehensive presentation on the reorganization and development plan for Institutional Advancement; advancement opportunities for the University; and current and desired perceptions of the University for fundraising purposes. Discussion ensued.

The Board asked that the President look into additional sources of revenue to support Institutional Advancement efforts and to promote Mr. Tyson's comprehensive plan to reorganize and staff the Institutional Advancement unit at the University.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-3711(A)(1) and 2.2-3711(A)(10) of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board convened in closed session at 11.55 a.m. to discuss personnel matters and Honorary Degrees or Special Awards. The motion provided that President Miller and Provost Hill attend the closed meeting as their presence was deemed necessary to aid the Board in its deliberations.

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:20 p.m., in accordance with § 2.2-3712(D) of the *Code of Virginia*. BG (RET) Cade conducted the poll in which all Board members certified that the Board only discussed personnel matters and Honorary Degrees or Special Awards as authorized by law. All Board members present certified compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

On behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs committee, Ms. Steverson presented and moved for approval, Vice President, Dean and promotion and/or tenure recommendations. The following faculty were recommended for promotion and/or tenure: Patricia Aldridge, promotion and tenure; Shomasheker Akkaladevi, promotion and tenure; Silas Christian, promotion and tenure; Coray Davis, promotion and tenure; Joyce Glaise, promotion and tenure; Toni Harris, promotion and tenure; Wesley Hogan, promotion; James Holden, promotion; Chaya Jain, tenure; Linda Noel-Batiste, promotion and tenure; Andrean Oliver, promotion and tenure; Thongchai Phairoh, promotion and tenure; Dong Yoo, promotion and tenure; John Fife, promotion and tenure; and Hui Chen, promotion and tenure. The motion carried by unanimous roll call voice vote.

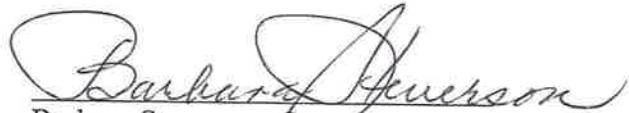
On behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs committee, Ms. Steverson presented and moved for approval the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters to be conferred upon Mr. Claes Nobel. The motion carried by unanimous roll call voice vote.

On behalf of the Resource and Governance committee, Ms. Reid recommended for approval authorization for Vice Rector Busser to update and adjust the President's contract as discussed in closed session. The motion carried by unanimous roll call voice vote.

There being no further business, the Vice Rector adjourned the meeting of the Board at 12:24 p.m.

  
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Katherine E. Busser, Rector

9/21/12  
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Barbara Steverson, Secretary

9/21/2012  
Date

# Virginia State University

Petersburg



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Resolution of Exemplary Service  
Demonstrated by

**Mr. Spencer L. Timm**

Member, Board of Visitors  
Virginia State University

Whereas, Spencer L. Timm was appointed to the Virginia State University Board of Visitors by The Honorable Mark R. Warner, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in July 2004; and was re-appointed in July 2008 by the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

Whereas, he served on the Board of Visitors with distinction for eight years and owing to his broad knowledge and expertise in fundraising and marketing, he served as Chairman of the Development Committee and as a member of the Executive and Academic and Student Affairs Committees; and

Whereas during his tenure he gave selflessly of his talents and resources and has been a loyal and devoted supporter of Virginia State University, its students and faculty, with the establishment of an endowment at VSU creating the Spencer L. and Ruth L. Timm Faculty Merit Award Fund and the Spencer L. and Ruth L. Timm Endowed Scholarship Fund: Therefore, be it

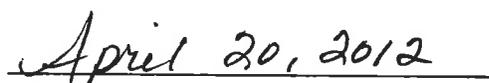
Resolved that the Virginia State University Board of Visitors acknowledges Mr. Spencer L. Timm for his loyal and dedicated service to the University and the Commonwealth of Virginia and publicly and officially gives recognition and expresses appreciation to him by adopting this Resolution and directing that it becomes a permanent record of its proceedings as of the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012; and be it

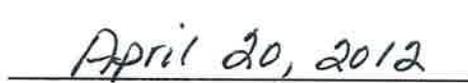
Resolved further, that the Secretary of the Board of Visitors presents to Mr. Spencer L. Timm this Resolution as an expression of the high esteem accorded him by this body, the Commonwealth of Virginia, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of Virginia State University; and be it

Resolved finally, that a copy of this Resolution be encased and maintained permanently in the Archives of the University.

  
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Vice Rector

  
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**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS**

**RESOLUTION FOR  
TUITION AND FEES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013**

**APRIL 20, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia funding policies and the impact of the economic forecast for the foreseeable future contained in the 2012-2014 Biennium Appropriations Act (Act); and

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires each institution to communicate its tuition and fee policy, as approved by the Board of Visitors, to the Secretary of Education, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committee by May 15 of each fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Visitors has considered the proposed schedule of tuition, room, board, comprehensive, and miscellaneous fees, identified as Schedules A, B, C and D (attached); and

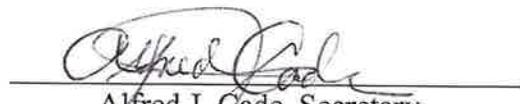
**WHEREAS**, the rates set for tuition, room, board, comprehensive, and miscellaneous fees, together with administrative actions to control costs, are intended to provide adequate coverage for basic instructional activities, related administrative support, other program and operating costs, and adequate debt service reserves for past and future construction projects utilizing bonded funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Visitors of Virginia State University approves the tuition, room, board, comprehensive, and miscellaneous fees found on Schedules A, B, C and D, to be charged to students during the 2012-2013 academic year.

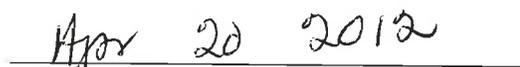
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the President shall monitor any subsequent actions of the General Assembly between now and the beginning of Fiscal Year 2013 for legislative impact on the tuition and fee policy and related funding, and shall implement timely changes required by such legislation, and shall report such action to the Board of Visitors at its next regularly scheduled meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the President is authorized to establish miscellaneous fees for items not listed in Schedule D, in response to emerging needs and changing circumstances.

  
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Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector

  
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Alfred J. Cade, Secretary

  
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**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPERATING BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

**APRIL 20, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Visitors has today given consideration and approved tuition and fee rates for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, within the limits set by the Commonwealth of Virginia as proposed by the Governor and as amended by the 2012 General Assembly, based on the latest information available to the University for what it is believed to become the 2012-2014 Biennium Appropriation Act (Act), once the Governor has signed the final bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the tuition and fee rates approved for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as presented by the Administration are deemed reasonable and consistent with past Appropriation Acts; and

**WHEREAS**, the appropriations to the University, which authorize the state funding and spending authority for the University, including the Cooperative Extension and Agricultural Research Services budget, but not including local University or VSU Foundation funding, are limited to the amounts and conditions in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the University has forecast revenue collections from all sources for Fiscal Year 2012-2013, based on conservatively anticipated enrollment levels; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Visitors approves the Proposed Operating Budget appearing on the attached Table I; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Visitors approves the Educational and General (E&G) Budget appearing on the attached Schedule I; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Visitors approves the budgeted amounts for the Auxiliary Enterprise programs as appearing on Schedule II; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Visitors approves the State Student Financial Assistance budget which equals the University's appropriation and noted E&G transfers as appearing on Table I; and

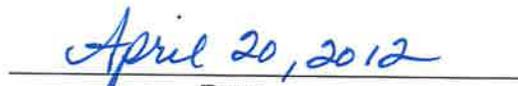
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Visitors approves expenditures in support of Sponsored Programs that have been properly awarded to the University and up to the amounts for which cash will be made available during the course of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 or as appearing in Table I; and

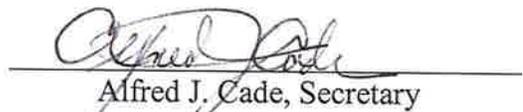
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Visitors approves the projected budget for local University and VSU Foundation funding, as presented on Table I; and

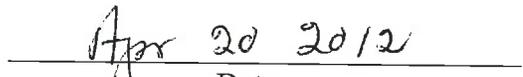
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Board of Visitors authorizes the President to allocate and cause to be expended tuition, room, board, comprehensive and other fees collected beyond base projections, up to the amount appropriated and adjustments required and allowed by language in the Act, any additional General Fund Appropriation which may be incorporated in the final Appropriation Act and also to reallocate and expend all unexpended fiscal year 2012-2013 Educational and General and Auxiliary Enterprise funding that may be re-appropriated for use in Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and to expend local funds available to the University should the need arise; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the University President shall provide to the Board, at its next regularly scheduled board meeting, a presentation of the actual budget distribution.

  
Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector

  
Date

  
Alfred J. Cade, Secretary

  
Date

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF  
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AUTHORIZING PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

**Property Address: 21503-05 Chesterfield Avenue**

**WHEREAS**, the University has expressed a major strategic objective to expand the boundaries of the current campus footprint to include the east side of Chesterfield Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the University has made numerous purchases of land on the east side of Chesterfield Avenue in support of the Multi-Purpose Center Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner of the parcel located at 21503-05 Chesterfield Avenue approached the University administration and offered to sell his property to the University at a fair and reasonable price; and

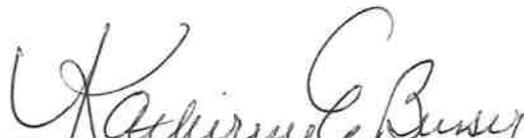
**WHEREAS**, the above described property is adjacent to the University property line and located directly behind the existing University's President's House; and

**WHEREAS**, the University Master Plan calls for Mixed-Use Housing and Retail shops along Chesterfield Avenue in the vicinity of this parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has authorized the acquisition of real property through the 2006 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 3, page 509, Item C-228; 2007 Virginia Acts of Assembly, Chapter 847, Pages 607 and 608, Item C-229; and Virginia Acts of Assembly – 2008 Special Session I;

**Now therefore, be it RESOLVED** that the Board of Visitors approves the purchase of the parcel listed above. If authorized by the Commonwealth of Virginia's reviewing agencies, the purchase price may exceed the appraised value as determined by an outside independent appraisal because of current market value, plus reasonable costs, and expenses to close these transactions.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the President and Vice President for Administration and Finance are authorized to execute any and all contracts or documents pertaining to the acquisition of the aforementioned property.

  
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Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector

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Alfred J. Cade, Secretary

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**RESOLUTION OF THE  
VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS  
AUTHORIZING LEASE FOR COMMUNICATIONS TOWER**

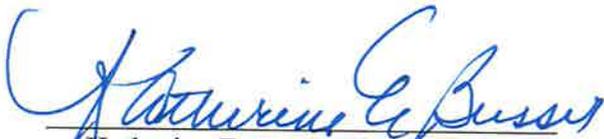
**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-2263 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the board of visitors or trustees of all State educational institutions to acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and construct, improve, furnish, maintain, repair, and operate projects.

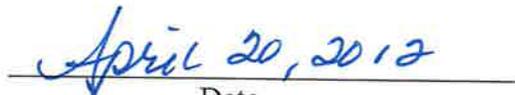
**WHEREAS**, Section 23-4.1 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the board of visitors or trustees of all State educational institutions to lease or sell and convey whatever interest they may have in real property that has been or may hereafter be acquired by purchase, will, deed or gift.

**WHEREAS**, erection of a cellular tower would enable Virginia State University students to utilize their cellular telephones on campus and would reduce Virginia State University's telecommunication expenses within residence halls and would improve public safety by allowing the campus community to use cellular telephones to reach the Department of Police and Public Safety during emergencies.

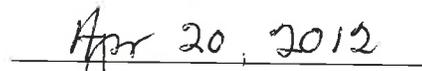
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Visitors supports execution of a lease with CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, a Delaware general partnership .

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Visitors of Virginia State University hereby authorizes a lease with CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, a Delaware general partnership.

  
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Katherine E. Busser, Vice Rector

  
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Alfred J. Cade, Secretary

  
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# Virginia State University

Petersburg



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Resolution  
In Honor of

**Mr. Claes Nobel**

*Chair of The National Society of High School Scholars  
Candidate for the Honorary Degree  
Doctor of Humane Letters*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Claes Nobel, a native of Sweden and senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes, has worked tirelessly in his mission to help save the planet and its people; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Nobel is a United States citizen, who holds dual citizenship in both the United States and Sweden; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Nobel is recognized as a renowned champion of environmental stewardship and youth leadership, and has continued his family's legacy of recognizing and rewarding outstanding achievement by launching "The National Society of High School Scholars"; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1974 he drafted "The Nobel Laureates Declaration on the Survival of Mankind," which was signed by 78 Nobel Laureates advocating support for environmental protection and humanitarian leadership: Therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, that Virginia State University confers upon Mr. Claes Nobel, the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities appertaining thereto; and be it*

*RESOLVED further, that the Board of Visitors at its April 20, 2012 meeting directed the President of the University to present to Mr. Claes Nobel, on the occasion of the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Commencement of the University, this Resolution as an expression of the high esteem accorded him by the Board of Visitors, the administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Virginia State University; and be it*

*RESOLVED finally, that a copy of this Resolution be encased and maintained permanently in the Archives of the University.*

*Christina E. Bussler*  
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Vice Rector

*April 20, 2012*  
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Date

*Alfred Cole*  
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Secretary

*20 Apr 2012*  
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