

Board of Visitors – Meeting Notes

March 20th, 2026

Mr. Nottingham started the meeting as Rector White had a personal issue. He expressed his sincere gratitude to everyone for their love and dedication to Longwood.

President Reveley spoke about political division in the world. He takes solace and strength from thinking about history. 25 years ago was the Rotunda Fire. He thanked Patty Cormier and everyone who worked to rebuild the Rotunda. Sixties are special years for Longwood. 1960 was when Longwood went fully co-educational. 1946 was when men were first part of campus, including Jon Cook (spelling?) of Cook-Cole College. And, someday it will be 25 years since COVID. We will keep rolling through. This is a formative decade. Some will emerge from this decade sideways or worse, and others will emerge better. We are in the heat of the admissions cycle right now. This will be the best year of fundraising that Longwood has ever had. He predicts that we will fundraise over 100 million dollars over the course of this decade. The endowment is up to around 120 million dollars.

The consent agenda and minutes – President Reveley stated that the debt management policy is something we have been working on, using David Rose’s expertise. We may need to add another provision or two. So, this will be revisited in June. We need to add provisions about notification to the board when the foundations are involved in our debt. The policy will not pass at this meeting, but will be revised and voted on in June.

Mr. Roberts - Can Longwood borrow from those entities (Foundation and other associated non-profits)?
President Reveley - Short answer, yes.

Mr. Roberts - How does this show up in the financial documentation?
President Reveley - It tends to show up as “due to” “due from” in the financial statements.

Mr. Fegan - Is the signature on contracts (I could not hear the end of this question – Sorry!)?
President Reveley - The commonwealth has a lot of oversight on debt. That’s a good point.

Mr. Fegan - It works more off the dollar-level. And ties to Risk.

Mr. Rose - Big picture, we all feel good about amending the debt policy. But we need more comments from the board members so that we have a better policy moving forward.

Mr. Fegan - 9% is the tolerance level. Does that give them the flexibility to do what you need to do?

Mr. Rose- the state sets some of the numbers. The idea here is that there should be guidelines as opposed to absolutes. There can be exceptions. He used Chesterfield as an example.

Mr. Fegan - We need to keep talking through this as we move toward the June meeting.

The Consent agenda is approved without the debt management policy.

Reports from the Vice President

Provost Smith - Today is a historical day because Chipotle is opening. Students are very excited.

- Lancer for a Day - brainchild of Dr. Patty Hastings - brings 4th graders from Prince Edward County to campus to experience college for a day. This program won an award from the state.
- We provide a lot of outreach to many schools in our region. We are working to formalize the partnership between PEC and Longwood.
- Center for P-12 outreach in CEHHS.

- Another collaborative effort is our work on micro-credentials. We wanted to develop a process for these badges. These are not credit credentials. Our first digital badge was in Python, and has been awarded.
- Events around campus - LCVA has two exhibits highlighting Virginia. Also, the Soul of America. The flag is made up of shoes from Farmville folks. In April we have the Moss Lecture on April 16th with Woody Holton.

Vice President McGregor

- We were hit by a pretty severe winter storm for the second year in a row. He recognized the grounds crew for their hard work. It was a group effort to get campus reopened.
- Capital planning - we have five different facilities getting air conditioning chillers replaced over the next year.
- There are two roof projects at Eason Hall.
- The Rotunda dome roof is being replaced.
- Our big project right now is the Music Building. The foundation and footing are in place. Steel will go up this summer. Completion is scheduled for Summer 2028.
- We continue to monitor the Commonwealth budget.
- President Reveley - The state budget process has more unpredictability than it used to. I was optimistic that the budget would be done in the early spring, but that has not happened. Maybe they will be done by late April. They are dealing with some macro-challenges, including tax exemptions for data centers.
- Mr. Fagan asked how changes to SWAM policies were affecting Longwood?
- President Reveley - we are well set up and acclimated to changes so it won't change things very much.
- Mr. McGregor said they were in a good position.
- Mrs. Helmick Proctor - Can we only see the audit from 2023?
- Mr. McGregor - Yes. They are waiting on a few last pieces for the 2024 audit. We have started
- Mrs. Helmick Proctor - Can we do anything to move the 2024 audit along?
- Mr. McGregor - I'm not sure. We have reached out and they have said that they have everything from us that we need.
- President Reveley - The delay in the 2024 audit is not for lack of good faith. They would quickly say that we are one of the good ones.
- Mr. McGregor - Last year, we were on our accreditation cycle, and so that audit was done quickly.
- Reviewed campus partnerships with Follett, Potomac Healthcare Solutions, and JPB.

Vice President Hall

- Women's tennis team beat Charleston Southern yesterday for the first time in 13 years.
- Basketball - Women lead the Big South in attendance, and men were second. Women's basketball attendance set a record during homecoming.
- Women's basketball players won several conference awards.
- Men's basketball also has two players win conference awards.
- Basketball stats - sorry folks, the words didn't really register for me. But there were basketball stats.
- Every team had a GPA of 3.0 or higher in the fall.
- A men's tennis player won the player of the conference (I apologize, I did not hear this name either).
- Baseball is off to a great start.
- Our pitching staff is ranked sixth in the nation.
- We are 10th in the country for stolen bases.
- Women's golf has placed second in two tournaments.

- Men's golf may be seeded #1.
- Tim Coffee won the NATIONAL NCAA Faculty Representative award.
- President Reveley - Say a little about the state of the NCAA in general?
- Mr. Hall: College athletics are less regulated than pro sports right now. Do I think there will be an NCAA when the dust settles, yes, but it will look different. The rule book was cut by 1/3 recently, and there are more cuts to come. College athletics is uniquely American.
- President Reveley - Congress needs to do something.
- Mr. Hall - There are special interest groups that are pushing efforts.
- Mr. Fegan - High Point had a significant win yesterday. They seem to have established themselves as an upper-level team.
- Mr. Hall - They are spending about 3.5 million dollars this year on NIL.
- Mr. Nottingham - How has attendance trended?
- Mr. Hall - We have increased attendance every year since we opened JPB.

Vice President Patterson

- Acknowledged the tragedy at ODU. Vice President Patterson has been in contact with the VP of Student Affairs there. Longwood is sending a delegation to serve as mental health advocates as the school reopens on Monday.
- Lots of exciting things are happening this Spring, including the Citizen Leader Awards and the Mosiac Award Ceremony.
- He spotlighted the Office of Residential and Commuter Life. RCL has been intentional about increasing occupancy in our residential communities. We have about 2400 students living in our residential communities.
- Lancer Productions is re-envisioning Spring Weekend.
- Wellbeing has a new website.

Vice President Green

- Shared several stories from admitted students.
- Student Success Coordinators are helping students improve attendance, class participation, and overall outcomes.
- Thinking through tutoring options.
- Helping students with reading comprehension.

Vice President Hodges

- We have had a strong year for fundraising.
- There is momentum across all areas.
- They have established 30 new endowed scholarships.
- Told the story of the Green Umbrella Scholarship, a multimillion-dollar gift from an anonymous alumnus.
- Vice President Hodges was asked a question about Ellie (AI person) from BOV member Roberts. Hodges said that Ellie never presents herself as being human. She wishes people a happy birthday. She also does targeted messaging. For example, if you give to the Soccer program, Ellie may message you and tell you about a win for that program. Ellie can send emails and texts.

Ms. Fox - Representative from the Alumni Association

- Lunch Brunch has been wildly successful.
- The Association is working on connecting alumni with the Office of Advancement and Athletics as university partners to engage with alumni.
- The Alumni Association has new groups in the Valley and participated in the regional accepted students program.

- Alumni participated in the Career Fair
- The Ring Ceremony is this Saturday
- Homecoming is scheduled for November 6-8th
- Alumni Awards will be June 1-3.

Ms. Jones - Representative from the Foundation Board

- Over the past five years, the board has worked to increase awareness, issued annual reports, increased scholarships every year, developed a Fellows Program for recent graduates, and expanded the scope of investments.

Dr. Pederson - Representative from the Faculty

- I talked about shared governance and academic freedom
- Overall, what the faculty shared with me was very positive.
- There are concerns about representation on committees
- There were also concerns shared about communication to the faculty about decision-making.
- Faculty observed that academic freedom is respected at Longwood, but AI is creating new issues to consider moving forward.

Ms. Cameron Lowery - SGA Representative

- Spring Weekend announcements
- The Big Event is coming up
- Many students are running for SGA positions in the upcoming elections.
- SGA is working to increase participation.
- SGA is working on creating more outdoor seating areas.
- Ms. Lowery was asked a question about how decisions are made about money.

Respectfully submitted: JoEllen Pederson, Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors.