

Office of the President

BOARD OF VISITORS | ACTION REPORT (03.27.09-03.28.09)

The Longwood University Board of Visitors took the following actions during its meeting March 27-28:

- approved the schematic design of the new Student Union building, to be called the University Center. The building, which will have about 80,000 gross square feet, will be built on the site currently occupied by the Cunningham Residence Halls, which will be demolished. After the University Center is built, Lankford Hall, the current home of the Student Union, will be converted to expansion space for the library and will also include a new Student Success Center with “One-Stop” services for students.
- approved the schematic design of the University Technology Center, which will be in French Hall after it is renovated. The renovated facility, now primarily a residence hall, will house Information and Instructional Technology Services (IITS) as well as the office of Assessment and Institutional Research and the media production facility. As part of the work, French Pool will be demolished, and four nearby tennis courts will be relocated. After IITS moves out of Coyner Hall, it will be occupied by the College of Business & Economics.
- approved allocating up to \$225,000 from the university’s General Auxiliary Reserve Fund for a new roof on a warehouse leased by the university and owned by the Real Estate Foundation. The former tobacco warehouse, on U.S. 460 a few miles west of campus, is used for institutional storage.
- approved changes to the Academic Suspension Policy. Because students are currently suspended at the end of summer sessions, Housing has been holding rooms for students not knowing if they will be returning. Currently, students who are under academic suspension also are registered for courses and the university does not know if students under academic suspension will actually need those courses. The changes will enable Housing to reassign

suspended students' rooms, thus freeing up rooms, and the registrar can reassign courses that otherwise would be unavailable for students who need the courses.

- approved a new policy that outlines the university's responsibilities related to leases, acquisitions and dispositions of real property. The new policy, patterned after a policy regarding easements approved by the Board in December 2008, is necessary for the Board to obtain delegated authority for certain real estate transactions.
- approved revisions to the Student Handbook except for proposed revisions regarding "non-discrimination and reasonable accommodation on the basis of disability." Consideration of those proposed revisions was postponed.
- approved revisions to the debt management policy. The changes address bond proceed investment and post-issuance compliance issues.
- approved revisions to information technology policies. The revisions are a result of changes in technology, the administration of university information technology resources and systems, and the state information security standards.

The next meeting of the Longwood University Board of Visitors will take place June 11-13 on campus.