

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STAFF REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS**

Whereas, on June 12, 2006, the Board of Visitors authorized the Rector to appoint an ad hoc committee to evaluate whether the Board's By-laws required revision as a result of the passage of the Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act of 2005 and other statutory changes and changing practices that have occurred over time, and to report to the Board at the earliest feasible date; and

Whereas, there is wide recognition of the complexity of the university's governance and general acknowledgement of the need for administration, faculty, student, and staff participation in the conduct of university affairs; and

Whereas, at this time, there is a mechanism for representatives from the faculty and student body to meet regularly with the Board of Visitors, but there is no such structured opportunity for communication between the staff and the Board of Visitors; and

Whereas, passage of the *Restructured Higher Education Financial and Administrative Operations Act of 2005*, which gave the Board authority that included approval of appointments and salaries of university staff and review and approval of personnel policies for university staff, underscored the need for enhanced communication between the staff and the Board;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the President of the Staff Senate be invited to sit with the Board in open session and, when recognized by the Rector (of the Board), to speak on matters of which he or she may be able to make contribution; and

Be it further resolved that the President of the Staff Senate be invited to sit with any committee of the Board in open session and to provide information and advice as deemed appropriate by the chair of that committee; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution will be effective immediately and that the By-laws of the Board of Visitors will be updated accordingly.

Recommendation:

That the above resolution establishing a staff representative to the Board of Visitors be approved and implemented immediately.

August 28, 2006