

Letter from the President's Office, R-MWC

August 17, 2006

Dear Alumna,

Randolph-Macon Woman's College has been conducting a strategic planning process that addresses the future of the College and the educational direction it should follow. This plan calls for the College to adopt a global honors curriculum emphasis in a coeducational environment.

The plan will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for a vote on September 9. If the plan is adopted, the College's name will have to change because the current name is incompatible with a coeducational institution. The Board has appointed a task force, of which I am the Chair, to recommend a new name. This Naming Advisory Task Force consists of trustees, faculty, staff, alumnae, and current students and thus is representative of all the constituencies that form the College community.

We are already considering various name suggestions, but we are soliciting input from all members of the College community to assist us in our deliberations; and we would like to hear from you as well. If the strategic plan is adopted, we would expect to make a name recommendation to the Board at its October meeting. We would therefore like to receive all suggestions no later than Friday, September 22. Please submit your suggestions by mail to Cindy Lyons, Administrative Assistant to the President, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, 2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503, or by email to clyons@rmwc.edu.

Some guidelines for your consideration:

- * support the College's reputation for academic excellence,
- * seek links to the College's history and existing name,
- * seek distinctiveness and avoid confusion with other colleges,
- * avoid possible nicknames with negative connotations.

We appreciate that you may have other thoughts or questions about the strategic planning process. If so, I would ask you to submit those by mail to Board of Trustees, c/o President's Office, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, 2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503, or by email to Board@rmwc.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lynn Hume Stuart '60, Trustee and Chair, Naming Advisory Task Force