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MEMORANDUM TO THE VMI BOARD OF VISITORS THROUGH THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Approval of Jackson-Hope Grants

Background

The Jackson-Hope Fund was established to fund grants for (a) discreet academic initiatives; (b) independent curriculum assessment, development, implementation, and innovation; (c) faculty and career development; (d) innovative academic projects, programs, and proposals put forth by the Institute; and (e) any area of academic enhancement as shall benefit VMI. Each year, as part of VMI's strategic planning process, the Jackson-Hope Board of Overseers meets with the Superintendent and the Dean of the Faculty to consider grant requests. Grant proposals must be consistent with VMI's Strategic Plan and must include proposed expenditures, benchmarks, and performance standards. The VMI Board of Visitors must approve all fund appropriations for acceptance.

On 9 April 2024, the Jackson-Hope Board of Overseers funded five grant proposals for the 2023-24 through 2028-29 academic years for a total of \$1,702,000. Enclosure (1) summarizes the grants.

Recommended Motion

"The Academic Affairs Committee has considered the proposals approved for funding by the Jackson-Hope Board of Overseers at its 9 April 2024 meeting. I recommend that the Board of Visitors approve these appropriations."



Cedric T. Wins '85
Major General, U.S. Army (Retired)
Superintendent

Jackson-Hope Grants Awarded - 2023-24 through 2028-29

1.	CIS Cadet Research Laboratory – Updated* (2023-2024)	\$4,000
2.	Faculty Development (2024-2025)	\$153,000
3.	Faculty Recruiting (2024-2025)	\$70,000
4.	New Directions in Teaching and Research (2024-2025)	\$25,000
5.	VMI Center for Undergraduate Research (2024-2029)	\$1,450,000

* The original grant, approved in April 2023, was in the amount of \$23,000. An additional \$4,000 was approved to account for additional costs above the original estimate.