

October 4, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Chair
Thomas F. Farrell, II
Charles L. Glazer
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr.
Don R. Pippin
Warren M. Thompson
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr.	Mark J. Kington
William G. Crutchfield, Jr.	Terence P. Ross
William H. Goodwin, Jr.	Thomas A. Saunders, III
T. Keister Greer	Elizabeth A. Twohy
E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.	

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Affairs and
Athletics Committee on October 4, 2002

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:50 a.m., Friday, October 4, 2002, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Chair, presided. Thomas F. Farrell, II, Charles L. Glazer, H. Timothy Lovelace, Jr., Don R. Pippin, Warren M. Thompson, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present.

Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., William G. Crutchfield, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., T. Keister Greer, Mark J. Kington, Terence P. Ross, Thomas A. Saunders, III, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, and E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Craig K. Littlepage, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Robert D. Sweeney, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., R. Edward Howell, Ms. Patricia H. Werhane, Phillip A. Gates, Christopher Smith, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair reviewed the Agenda for the meeting and asked Ms. Lampkin, the Interim Vice President for Student Affairs, to present it.

The first item, a Consent Agenda item, was the approval of the Annual Report of WTJU. The radio station WTJU is overseen by the Rector and Visitors who hold the FCC broadcasting license, which is a noncommercial educational operator's license. The Board of Visitors thus is charged with reviewing and approving WTJU's Annual Report.

Ms. Lampkin proposed the necessary resolution, which was approved by the Committee and recommended to the full Board (see the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, October 5, 2002).

Ms. Lampkin then gave her customary report.

Summer Orientation was very successful, with 97% of all new undergraduate students attending one of the nine sessions and 73% of them brought at least one parent to the program.

Last weekend, the Student Council and the University Programs Council sponsored the "Rock 'n' Rally" concert to encourage voter registration and raise awareness about the General Obligation Bond bill which will be on the general ballot in November. About 5,000 students attended the concert and almost 730 registered to vote.

Ms. Lampkin devoted the rest of her report to a description of students at the University. The University of Southern California at Los Angeles has for 25 years conducted a national survey of entering freshmen. The 2001 survey, the most recently completed, has responses from students at 704 institutions, including the University. Ms. Lampkin cited some interesting contrasts between students here and at other institutions: students at the University were more involved in activities in their high schools than entering students at other institutions and they show an even higher commitment to public service. UVa students rated themselves significantly higher for physical and emotional health than their counterparts elsewhere. At other schools, 44% of freshmen reported "A" averages in high school,

while 85% of incoming firstyear students at the University reported average high school grades of "A".

Among UVa students, 90% who completed the survey said they had witnessed cheating in their high schools.

Ms. Lampkin then introduced Ms. Patricia Werhane, Ruffin Professor of Business Ethics and Senior Fellow at the Olsson Center for Applied Ethics in the Darden School. Ms. Werhane, a recent Chair of the Faculty Senate, is chair of the "Envisioning Integrity" team and it was in that capacity that she addressed the Committee.

The President in 2001 established a team with members from all over the University, to explore the concept of honor at the University. The group was charged with focusing on the undergraduate student experience, and asked to recommend a series of approaches by which all undergraduates, during their time at the University, would confront, question, and reflect on their own ethical foundations, values, and integrity.

Ms. Werhane gave a brief report on the work of the team and its recommendations.

Ms. Lampkin next introduced Mr. Christopher Smith, Chair of the Honor Committee.

Mr. Smith reminded the Committee that in his report to them last spring, he said the Honor Committee would focus on three things: completion of the Bloomfield cases, Honor education and procedural soundness. He said the investigation of all the Bloomfield cases has been completed and only four trials remain to be finished. One of these will be conducted in public as an Open Trial on October 19th. Mr. Smith outlined new Honor education efforts, including a faculty handbook on the Honor System. As for procedural soundness, work has been done on the By-Laws and a psychological evaluation procedure has been devised.

The Chair asked Mr. Littlepage, Director of Athletics, to present the last item on the Agenda. Mr. Littlepage in turn introduced Mr. Phil Gates, the Life Skills Program Coordinator.

The Life Skills Program, Mr. Gates explained, is the result of National Collegiate Athletic Association legislation which requires all Division I institutions to provide programs that support academic and athletic excellence, personal development, career development and community service activities for student-athletes. The Life Skills Program embodies some of the aspects of the SAM program, which was developed at the University in the early '90's. Mr. Gates explained, in brief outline, the Life Skills programming at the University.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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