

February 3, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Thomas F. Farrell, II, Chair
Susan Y. Dorsey
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.
W. Heywood Fralin
James W. Head
Glynn D. Key
Don R. Pippin
Warren M. Thompson
Georgia M. Willis
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

William G. Crutchfield, Jr. Terence P. Ross
Mark J. Kington Thomas A. Saunders, III
Lewis F. Payne E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.
John O. Wynne

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee
Meeting on February 3, 2005

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 3, 2005, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Thomas F. Farrell, II, Chair, presided. Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., W. Heywood Fralin, James W. Head, Ms. Glynn D. Key, Don R. Pippin, Warren M. Thompson, Ms. Georgia M. Willis, and Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Rector, were present.

Also present were Lewis F. Payne, Terence P. Ross, E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D., and John O. Wynne.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Craig K. Littlepage, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., R. Edward Howell, Robert E. Reynolds, M.D., Ms. Colette Sheehy, Ernest H. Ern, Ms. Angela Carrico, Joshua Sear, Ms. Meghan Sullivan, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

BECAUSE OF A TOTAL MALFUNCTION IN THE RECORDING EQUIPMENT IN THE BOARD ROOM, THESE MINUTES ARE A RECONSTRUCTION

The Chair asked Ms. Lampkin, Vice President for Student Affairs, to present the Agenda.

REVISION OF THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The first item on the Agenda was an Action Item: Board approval of revisions to the Standards of Conduct. The Standards of Conduct, Ms. Lampkin reminded the Committee, are overseen by the University Judiciary Committee which is concerned with behavior not within the purview of the Honor Committee: which is to say questions of behavior other than lying, cheating and stealing. The Board of Visitors alone can revise or amend the Standards of Conduct.

Ms. Lampkin then introduced Ms. Angela Carrico, Chair of the Judiciary Committee, and Mr. Joshua Sear, a Counselor on the Judiciary Committee. Ms. Carrico and Mr. Sear explained the proposed revisions to the Standards.

On motion, the Committee adopted the following resolution approving the revisions to the Standards of Conduct, and recommended it to the full Board for approval:

APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors adopts the Standards of Conduct, which describe behavior generally prohibited by enrolled students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Visitors last revised the Standards of Conduct on March 22, and April 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS, among the revisions adopted in 2001 was the extension of jurisdiction in cases of physical and sexual assault to include assaults occurring within the city of Charlottesville and Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, the University Judiciary Committee has proposed the same extension of jurisdiction in other cases of serious student misconduct, including conduct that intentionally or recklessly threatens the health or safety of any person or substantial damage to property;

RESOLVED, the document which follows as an attachment, entitled "University Judiciary Committee Standards of Conduct Revised February 3, 2005," which integrates the 2001 revisions, and includes the extension of jurisdiction to the city of Charlottesville and Albemarle County with respect to Standards two and nine, as proposed by the Judiciary Committee, is approved.

ATTACHMENT

UNIVERSITY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
STANDARDS OF CONDUCT (Revised)
FEBRUARY 3, 2005

1. Physical or sexual assault of any person on University-owned or leased property, at any University sanctioned function, at the permanent or temporary local residence of a University student, faculty member, employee or visitor, or in the city of Charlottesville or Albemarle County.
2. Conduct that intentionally or recklessly threatens the health or safety of any person on University-owned or leased property, at a University sanctioned function, at the permanent or temporary local residence of a University student, faculty member, employee or visitor, or in the city of Charlottesville or Albemarle County.
3. Unauthorized entry into or occupation of University facilities that are locked, closed to student activities or otherwise restricted as to use.
4. Intentional disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, other University activities, or activities authorized to take place on University property.
5. Unlawfully blocking or impeding normal pedestrian or vehicular traffic on or adjacent to University property.
6. Violation of University policies or regulations referenced in The Record, including policies concerning residence halls and the use of University facilities.

7. Alteration, fabrication, or misuse of, or obtaining unauthorized access to University identification cards, other documents, or computer files or systems.
8. Disorderly conduct on University-owned or leased property or at a University-sanctioned function. Disorderly conduct is defined to include but is not limited to acts that breach the peace, are lewd, indecent, or obscene, and that are not Constitutionally protected speech.
9. Substantial damage to University-owned or leased property or to any property in the city of Charlottesville or Albemarle County or to property of a University student, employee, faculty member, or visitor, occurring on University-owned or leased property or at the permanent or temporary local residence of any student, faculty member, employee or visitor.
10. Any violation of Federal, State, or local law, if such directly affects the University's pursuit of its proper educational purposes and only to the extent such violations are not covered by other Standards of Conduct and only where a specific provision of a statute or ordinance is charged in the complaint.
11. Intentional, reckless, or negligent conduct that obstructs the operations of the Honor or Judiciary Committee, or conduct that violates their rules of confidentiality.
12. Failure to comply with directions of University officials acting under provisions 1-11 set above. This shall include failure to give identity in situations concerning alleged violations of sections 1-11.

REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Lampkin gave her customary report: Sorority rush, now called "recruitment," ended January 24th. Some 671 women registered for the process and 453 accepted bids. Fraternity rush is still underway and will end on February 5th. Student elections will take place between February 25th and March 2nd. Ms. Lampkin also noted three student deaths since the last meeting of the Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE HONOR COMMITTEE

She next introduced Ms. Meghan Sullivan, Chair of the Honor Committee, who reported on the general state of the Honor System.

Ms. Sullivan reminded the Committee that when she had addressed them last spring, she had outlined several goals of the Honor Committee for this year. Among these were improving work with international students and the faculty and finding ways to increase student responsibility for maintaining the Honor System.

On the first of these goals, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Eramo from the Honor Committee Office met with the International Studies Office and the Vice Provost for International Affairs to discuss outreach efforts to these groups. Meetings were held and a result was a pamphlet, Frequently Asked Questions, geared toward international students. The Committee also prepared a five minute presentation on "Honor and International Students," which was given at each of the orientations run by the International Studies Office.

The Faculty Advisory Committee of the Honor Committee in the fall helped the Honor Committee conduct a study of the initiation and conviction rates of various minority groups on the Grounds. The study showed that in the period 1997-2002, international students were five times more likely to be brought up on charges than domestic students, but not more likely to be found guilty. The Honor Committee has formed an ad-hoc group to look into ways to reduce initiation bias.

On the matter of low student initiation rates, Ms. Sullivan said she convened a group of senior support officers and Executive Committee members early in the fall and charged them with overhauling the initiation process. A problem, she said, is the amount of time involved in an initiation and the lack of support from the Honor Committee sometimes felt by initiators. To counter this, the Committee now makes it clear that initiators are responsible only for providing statements and physical evidence to the Committee - the actual investigation and analysis of evidence is done by the student investigators. Ms. Sullivan said she hopes that faculty involvement can be limited to giving evidence and statements to support officers and offering brief testimony at hearings. Advisors are now required to meet with initiators within 24 hours of receiving a case, and they must check in weekly with initiators until the case is resolved.

As for improving relations with the faculty, Ms. Sullivan reported that she served in the fall on a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate charged with addressing Honor System issues. This semester, she and several Honor Committee support officers have begun attending departmental meetings and Faculty Senate academic affairs meetings to speak on developments in the Honor Committee

and to invite faculty opinions on policies under consideration by the Committee. She said that the Committee and the Senate have worked successfully over the past year; she said she hoped that this relationship will continue to build in the coming year.

The Committee and other members of the student body have been engaged in an active discussion of the single sanction this year. Last May, an ad-hoc committee was appointed to look into student opinion on the current sanction and to make recommendations to the Honor Committee. This group, in due course, proposed a student referendum to change the single sanction. After a special meeting last week to consider the proposed referendum, the Honor Committee voted 15:7:1 to reject the referendum drafted by this ad-hoc group.

SUMMER SCHOOL AID FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

The Chair then asked Mr. Littlepage, Athletics Director, to report on a proposed plan for providing Summer School aid for student-athletes. Mr. Littlepage made a brief presentation on the plan that has been presented to the student-athlete advisory committee, the head coaches, and the Board of the Virginia Athletics Foundation.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia's Board of Visitors website.

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