UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE
STUDENT AFFAIRS AND
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MARCH 21, 2005
STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 21, 2005
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Mr. Farrell’s Office, Riverview Room,
4th Floor, Clearinghouse Building,
120 Tredegar Street, Richmond

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

I. ACTION ITEM
   • University Housing 1
     (Ms. Lampkin to introduce Mr. Milton Adams,
      Ms. Christina Morell, and Mr. Richard Kovatch;
      Messrs. Adams and Kovatch and Ms. Morell
to report)

II. REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS
    (Ms. Lampkin)
    A. Vice President’s Remarks 3
    B. Student Council (Ms. Lampkin to introduce 4
       Mr. Noah Sullivan and Ms. Rebecca Keyworth;
       Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Keyworth to report)

III. REPORT BY THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR (Mr. Littlepage)
    • Recertification Process (Mr. Littlepage to 5
       introduce Mr. James Booz; Mr. Booz to report)
BACKGROUND: In spring 2004, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Provost, and the Vice President for Finance embarked on a review of the University's residential plan to ensure that decisions about future types of residential communities meet institutional objectives. Discussions have revolved around the academic program and its relationship with the educational programming that occurs in the residence halls; the need to house all first-year students together as a means of building community; and the more tangible issues of housing inventory, housing assignments, and desirable configurations in the design of new residence halls. While the residential plan places a major emphasis on first-year housing, it also encompasses housing and programming for upperclass students.

The need to replace residential housing in the Alderman Road area, driven by construction flaws that are aging the buildings but not posing safety threats to the students living there, is a major consideration in developing a long-range residential plan. Other issues and initiatives that have a bearing on the residential plan include enrollment growth, recent modifications to the University's housing policy, and the establishment of an off-Grounds housing office.

DISCUSSION: Reporting on their collaboration and respective interests with regard to the residential plan will be: Mr. Milton Adams, Vice Provost for Academic Programs; Ms. Christina Morell, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs; and Mr. Richard Kovatch, Associate Vice President for Business Operations. They will provide an overview of the progress made to date by the off-Grounds housing office, of decisions regarding the Alderman Replacement Project (Phase I), and of plans to complete the long-range residential plan for the University. They will recommend that the existing policy requiring all first-year students to live together in University Housing be reaffirmed.
and that first-year housing remain in the Alderman Road/McCormick Road area.

ACTION REQUIRED: Approval by the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee and by the Board of Visitors

APPROVAL OF HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS AND PLANNING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ALDERMAN ROAD RESIDENCES

WHEREAS, the University of Virginia's educational mission extends to the University residences where undergraduate students live and the related residential programming in which they engage; and

WHEREAS, an undergraduate student's first year is a critical time for assimilation into the University community; and

WHEREAS, having all first-year students live together is central to this process; and

WHEREAS, the Architect of the University has endorsed the continued use of the Alderman Road area as the principal location for first-year student housing and its expansion; and

WHEREAS, most of the residence halls on Alderman Road must be replaced;

RESOLVED the Board of Visitors endorses and reaffirms the requirement that all first-year students live together in University housing for the purpose of creating community and a comprehensive first-year experience; and

RESOLVED FURTHER the Board of Visitors endorses and supports planning to proceed with the replacement of the Alderman Road residences as housing for first-year students.
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COMMITTEE: Student Affairs and Athletics

AGENDA ITEM: II.A. Vice President's Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: The Vice President for Student Affairs will report on student safety, the recent elections of new student leaders, and the finalization of the procedures for handling cases of sexual assault.
BACKGROUND: All currently enrolled students pay a Student Activity Fee as part of their overall tuition and fees. The amount is currently $47 per year for full-time students. Eligible student organizations apply for funding from the fee. Student Council's Appropriations Committee is responsible for fund allocation decisions, and the Vice President for Organizations oversees the entire process.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Noah Sullivan, President of Student Council, will report on recent activities. One of Student Council's initiatives this year has been revising the process by which it allocates Student Activity Fee dollars to eligible student organizations. Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Rebecca Keyworth, Vice President for Organizations, will explain why these changes were sought, review key procedural modifications that are being implemented this spring, and outline new criteria adopted by Student Council to guide the Appropriations Committee in its work.

Mr. Sullivan is a third-year student from Lynchburg, majoring in government. Ms. Keyworth is a third-year student from Chicago, majoring in foreign affairs.
DISCUSSION: NCAA Bylaw 22.01 requires, once every ten years, an institutional self-study that affirms the fundamental integrity of the member institutions' athletics programs. This is accomplished "through a verified and evaluated institutional self-study" [2004-05 NCAA Division I Manual, page 381]. The principles studied include: Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance, Academic Integrity, and Equity and Student-Athlete Welfare. The University of Virginia completed its initial self-study, with the Compliance Report being filed in December of 1995, and was certified for conformity with the NCAA's operating principles.

During the spring of 2005, the Department of Athletics will begin the second-cycle review of athletics certification -- the recertification. Mr. James Booz, the Associate Athletics Director for Compliance, will report on the work being done to prepare for this next cycle of the self-study.