

September 16, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair  
A. Macdonald Caputo  
Georgia Willis Fauber  
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.  
Glynn D. Key  
Catherine S. Neale  
Don R. Pippin  
Warren M. Thompson  
Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ex Officio

and

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FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting on September 16, 2005

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 2:50 p.m., Friday, September 16, 2005, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided.

A. Macdonald Caputo, Ms. Georgia Willis Fauber, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., Ms. Glynn D. Key, Ms. Catherine S. Neale, and Warren M. Thompson were present.

Don R. Pippin participated by telephone.

Also present were Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Dirk Katstra, and Ms. Jequeatta Upton.

The Chair asked Ms. Lampkin, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, to present the Agenda.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Lampkin made her customary report, prefacing her remarks by saying that as it is the start of a new academic year, it is a good time to review Student Affairs' priorities for the year and to try to understand who the students are as a group, as well as the attributes they collectively bring to the University.

More than 3,500 new undergraduates, both first year students and transfer students, participated in Summer Orientation, and 2,700 of them brought at least one parent or another guest. Move In Day and the Fall Orientation programs seem to have gone well.

Students in recent years, she observed, remain close to their parents and rely on them for advice and support. For this generation, much more than previous generations, parents have been lifelong advocates and protectors. The University welcomes the support that parents provide, but at the same time recognizes the important educational value of students navigating on their own.

Moving to the priorities for Student Affairs, she said affirming the role of student self-governance is foremost, as student self-governance is a defining aspect of student life at the University. It creates a culture where students are both responsible and accountable for their behavior. Student Affairs is an active but not often visible partner in this, and has daily interaction with both small and large student organizations.

Ms. Lampkin commented on the racial incidents that occurred at the beginning of the semester, incidents which have galvanized the University community in a number of ways. Students have come to understand that by standing together, they can be a strong force in condemning the malicious acts that have occurred. She then outlined some steps that have been taken by the Student Council and by the University Judiciary Committee, as well as by the Honor Committee and the University administration.

Ms. Lampkin noted that the Honor Committee has revived its Single Sanction Ad-Hoc Committee with a new charge: to explore the impact of the single sanction on jury nullification and cheating rates.

The University's new procedures for handling sexual assault cases, she reminded the Committee, were adopted by the Board last

spring. One case has been tried under the new procedures and another case fell partly under them. The new procedures have been cited for bringing clarity and greater sophistication to a difficult process.

With work about to begin on the first replacements of the Alderman Road residence halls, Student Affairs, together with the Office of the Provost and the University financial offices, will work together to make decisions on residence life.

Ms. Lampkin moved to what she called the third priority area of Student Affairs - how students relate to one another. One of the stated goals of Student Affairs, enumerated at the Board Retreat last July, is to establish a "safe, civil, and welcoming student experience through appropriate strategies, programs and allocation of resources." She then discussed in more detail the responses of the University community to the racial incidents at the beginning of the semester. She concluded by saying that "overcoming racism and building a truly welcoming, diverse community is a process - a long one - and not a single event. I do believe we are making progress, although it may often appear otherwise."

Finally, Ms. Lampkin talked about the University's response to Hurricane Katrina. Some 140 students from several New Orleans universities have been admitted to the University for the semester. Most of them are Virginians and the majority of them were at Tulane University. Most of the undergraduates among them have been settled in University housing.

University of Virginia students responded to the disaster of the storm in various ways. A group came together and formed UVa K.A.R.E.S., which stands for Katrina Aid and Relief Efforts. They have sponsored several fund-raising events, and at the football game with the University of Michigan on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, they raised \$60,000.

#### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Ms. Lampkin introduced Ms. Jequeatta Upton, the President of the Student Council. Ms. Upton, a third year student in the College, is a Jefferson Scholar, an Echols Scholar, and a Holland Scholar. She is from Chester.

Ms. Upton outlined Council's goals for the year: Student Council reform, national presence, external advocacy efforts, safety on and around the Grounds, diversity, student life issues, and a miscellany of various initiatives.

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On the first goal, Student Council reforms, Ms. Upton said she wanted to make Council more accountable, as well as more visible in the University community. She said Council would strive for a higher standard of openness, with more visibility, clarity and public reporting. The appropriations process would be improved with goals of fairness and equity, stronger fiduciary accountability and assistance to new organizations. Council hopes to place more emphasis on visibility and credibility, and to encourage broader student participation.

By national presence, Ms. Upton explained that Council has made preliminary inquiries into the possibility of the University acting as host to a presidential debate in 2008.

As for external advocacy, Council wants to ensure that students' voices are heard beyond the Grounds.

Council will work closely with the Office of the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, the Sexual Assault Advisory Committee and the Charlottesville Police Department - the Student Council has already appointed a liaison with the City police.

Council also plans to work closely with the administration to help implement the recommendations of the President's Commission on Diversity and Equity, and to support the University Judiciary Committee as it explores ways to deal with hate crimes.

On student life, among other initiatives, Council will work with the Department of Parking and Transportation to identify and create temporary parking areas.

#### REPORT ON ATHLETICS

Ms. Lampkin introduced Mr. Dirk Katstra, Executive Director of the Virginia Athletics Foundation, who reported in the absence of Mr. Littlepage, Director of Athletics.

Mr. Katstra reported briefly on the records of last season's athletic teams, and then listed the goals of the Department of Athletics: to graduate 100% of the University's student-athletes; to win twelve national championships and seventy ACC championships; to provide funding to support a top athletics program; to build and maintain the highest quality facilities; to recruit the best student-athletes in terms of academic accomplishments; and to advance women's athletics through compliance with Title IX.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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