

September 11, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

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

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Alan A. Diamonstein	Lewis F. Payne
W. Heywood Fralin	Gordon F. Rainey, Jr.
Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.	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 September 11, 2006

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 4:00 p.m., Monday, September 11, 2006, in the Byrd Seminar Room at the Harrison Institute; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided. Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., Ms. Glynn D. Key, Warren M. Thompson, Ms. Anne Elizabeth Mullen, and Thomas F. Farrell, II, Rector, were present.

Also present were W. Heywood Fralin, Alan A. Diamonstein, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., Lewis F. Payne, and John O. Wynne.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, William

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B. Harvey, David J. Prior, Craig K. Littlepage, Dom Starsia, Darius Nabors, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair opened the meeting and asked Mr. Littlepage, Director of Athletics, to introduce Mr. Dom Starsia, Head Coach of the Men's Lacrosse Team.

REPORT BY COACH DOM STARSIA

Mr. Littlepage reminded the Committee that Mr. Starsia has been the Head Coach of the Men's Lacrosse Team for 14 years. The team this past season won the lacrosse NCAA championship, the national championship, and finished its regular season with a perfect record of 17-0.

Mr. Starsia reviewed briefly the season. The team, collectively, had the highest gpa in ten years and comported itself as well off the field as on. One player, Matt Ward, won the national player of the year award.

The President noted the intensive involvement in the program of the families of the players.

REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Lampkin gave her customary report.

She told the Committee that Move-In Day, the day on which new students move into the dormitories, was on August 19<sup>th</sup> and that it went well and, in fact, was one of the most successful Move-In Days ever. Earlier in the summer, 3,562 students attended one of the ten Summer Orientation sessions offered this year. Guests who registered at the Orientation sessions - typically, parents or other family members - totaled 4,278. Members of the Board participated in the sessions, and Ms. Lampkin thanked them for their involvement.

Ms. Lampkin reminded the Committee of her remarks at the April meeting, in which she said that increased communication with parents is an area in which her office has placed greater emphasis and resources. A new handbook for parents was produced over the summer (Members each received a copy); it is intended as a guide and resource to address parents' questions and to familiarize them with the University. The handbook is an expanded version of something that previously was produced by the UVa Parents Committee of the Alumni Association.

Ms. Lampkin commented on several personnel changes over the summer, the most important of which was the naming of Maurice

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Apprey, of the School of Medicine, as Interim Dean of African-American Affairs. Mr. Apprey assumed his new duties on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

A hard waiver health insurance program for international students was implemented this summer; the program helps insure that international students are adequately covered by health insurance while studying at the University. This year, for the first time, international students were required to present proof of coverage and have been automatically enrolled in the University insurance plan if they lacked other coverage.

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

The Chair and Ms. Lampkin introduced Mr. Darius Nabors, the President of the Student Council. Mr. Nabors, a fourth year student in the College, is from Timberville in Augusta County.

Mr. Nabors reported on Council's agenda for this academic year. Space will be a concern: first year housing and spaces on the Central Grounds that students can use between classes. Faculty/student interaction will be another concern, and Council wants to explore the possibility of reviving, in some form, the University-wide faculty/student retreat in its format of some years ago.

Support of student organizations will be another issue: support both in providing space and funding.

Finally, Mr. Nabors introduced his cabinet.

#### COMMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

The Chair invited President Casteen to make comments.

The President spoke on the death of a student from bacterial meningitis. The form of the disease and the circumstances of the death - the student did not live in University housing - were such that the case did not represent a public health hazard.

The President reported that early this morning, a student was shot as he sat on his front porch in Wertland Street in what apparently was a robbery attempt; the student is in satisfactory condition at the University Hospital. The President commented on measures the University takes to try to insure the safety of its students.

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The President ended his remarks with comments on offensive cartoons published recently by the *Cavalier Daily*. The cartoons have generated outrage within the University community and beyond; much of the expressions of outrage, in the form of identical e-mail messages, appears to have been organized.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 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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