

May 8, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair  
Daniel R. Abramson  
A. Macdonald Caputo  
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.  
Glynn D. Key  
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
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FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting on May 8, 2007

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 3:20 p.m., Tuesday, May 8, 2007, in the Lower East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided. Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., and Warren M. Thompson were present.

Present as well were the Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., the Hon. Lewis F. Payne, and Carey J. Mignerey.

Also present were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, William B. Harvey, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Craig K. Littlepage, Ms. Christina Morell, James L. McBride, Ms. Sarah Kirkwood, Davon Robb, and Ms. Jeanne Flipppo Bailes.

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

#### Vice President's Remarks

Ms. Lampkin gave her customary report. She noted, first off, several student awards given recently: Ben Rubeor, a rising fourth year student and captain of the lacrosse team, received the Gray-Carrington Award last month; Ross Baird, President of the Graduating Class, received the Alumni Association's Ernest Ern Distinguished Student Award - Mr. Baird will study at Oxford in the fall on a Marshall Scholarship. Two students - My-Linh T. Nguyen and Eliah Shamir - have received Goldwater Scholarships and Tyler Spencer won a Udall Scholarship. Forty six students have received Harrison grants to conduct undergraduate research.

Leadership 2007 - known colloquially as L2K7 - will be held June 3-8; it is an intensive one-week program for the newly-elected leaders of the University's principal "pan-University" student organizations. L2K7 is designed to hone leadership skills and to provide participants with the opportunity to begin to work with one another and with administrators during their tenure in office. Ms. Lampkin noted that Mr. Mignerey is not only a participant this year but is an alumnus of the program.

Ms. Lampkin reported some changes in the forthcoming Summer Orientation program, changes that should enhance the program. One addition to the program is more safety information directed to parents.

She then spoke to the events at Virginia Tech, both to the role played by the Student Affairs Office here in counseling students at the University who had connections

to the victims in Blacksburg, and to the new safety procedures that are being initiated at the University.

Ms. Lampkin said the University Police Department, in collaboration with other offices at the University, will institute this fall an extensive emergency communication system which will incorporate such things as mass messaging to portable devices and to numerous LCD screens to be located in a number of public places on the Grounds - e.g., Newcomb Hall, intramural recreation facilities, and Thornton Hall, among other locations. The possibility of other means of mass communication - including a siren system - are being explored.

She said that students and employees, as well as parents, will be able to sign up for the emergency messaging system.

Ms. Lampkin said Student Affairs is reviewing its existing emergency procedures, including ways in which students of concern are identified and critical information about them is shared with deans and clinical counselors. Her staff are working with faculty to tell them how they can identify students who might need help, and with students to educate them on how to help each other and themselves.

Mr. Abramson asked Ms. Lampkin to tell the Committee about the recent incident in which some students, working on a film project, brandished what appeared to be a weapon at the School of Engineering. The weapon turned out to be a toy gun. Mr. Sandridge described the incident in some detail, highlighting the ways in which various University units responded. Four students have been charged by the Commonwealth's Attorney.

Mr. Fitz-Hugh, referring to the events at Virginia Tech, asked how a troubled student here could receive counseling. Ms. Lampkin and Mr. Sandridge responded, describing procedures.

Report on Transfer Student Initiatives

Ms. Lampkin introduced Ms. Christina Morell, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, and asked her to describe some new transfer student initiatives.

Ms. Morell told the Committee that the Summer Orientation for transfer students is being modified this year: incoming third year students will attend a one-day program on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and incoming second year transfer students will arrive the next day, also for a one-day session. During these sessions students will hear from representatives of the Honor and Judiciary Committees, meet with their faculty advisors, enroll in courses, attend a session on financial planning and money matters, and will have a chance to visit upper-class dormitories.

There is also a new residential program for transfer students: 200 rooms in the Gooch-Dillard dormitory complex are being offered to transfer students at the time of admission on a first-come, first-serve basis. New and returning upper class students thus will be brought together in a designated area, with the new students benefiting from the experiences of the returning students. New programming efforts will take advantage of this residential arrangement.

Report on University Career Services

Ms. Lampkin introduced Mr. James McBride, Executive Director of University Career Services.

Mr. McBride gave an overview of the work of his office.

In the fall of 2000, University Career Services moved into Bryant Hall at Scott Stadium; that year, about 4,500 students scheduled appointments. For the past four years, the number of individual student appointments has ranged each year between 7,000 and 7,500, an increase of over 50% from that first year. Most of these students are in their third and fourth undergraduate years, but about 20% are first and second year students and 15% are graduate students.

Mr. McBride's office provides advising to students interested in attending law, medical, dental and veterinary schools, and he cited some figures: 339 students and alumni in 2006 applied for admission to American law schools; 327 - or 82% - were accepted (the national acceptance rate was 63%). In the same year, 287 students and alumni applied for admission to medical schools; 193, or 67%, were accepted (the national acceptance rate was 44%).

Some 8,500 individual student interviews were conducted at the University this year, an incremental increase of 19% over the past four years. But more impressive is the number of employers who interviewed at the University: 478, an increase of 43% over the same four year period.

Career fairs are another way of putting students with employers. This year, University Career Services and its affiliate offices in the McIntire School, the Curry School, and the School of Engineering, sponsored eleven career fairs. One of them, Diversity Career Day, with strong support from Mr. Littlepage, was held in the John Paul Jones Arena, and involved 31 colleges and universities from Virginia and from Washington, DC. A record number of students - a 30% increase over any previous year - attended: 1,260, of whom 881 were from the University.

In November, for the first time, University Career Services and the McIntire School sponsored a "Business Careers Internship Fair," which attracted 420 students and 24 employers. The event was held in the fourth floor skyboxes at Scott Stadium.

Beginning two years ago, Career Services has supported, in its office, a part-time representative of the Peace Corps to provide information to students interested in becoming Peace Corps Volunteers. Since the founding of the Peace Corps in 1961, 866 alumni have been Volunteers; the University has consistently ranked first among institutions of its size in the number of Volunteers it has provided.

