

October 5, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair
Daniel R. Abramson
A. Macdonald Caputo
Thomas F. Farrell, II
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.
Glynn D. Key
Carey J. Mignerey
Don R. Pippin
Warren M. Thompson
W. Heywood Fralin, 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.
Austin Ligon	John O. Wynne

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting on October 5, 2007

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee met, in Open Session, at 8:30 a.m., Friday, October 5, 2007, in the Board Room at the Rotunda; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided.

Present were Daniel R. Abramson, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., Ms. Glynn D. Key, Don R. Pippin, Warren M. Thompson, Carey J. Mignerey, and W. Heywood Fralin, Rector.

Also present were The Honorable Alan A. Diamonstein, Austin Ligon, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., The Honorable Lewis F. Payne, Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., and E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.

Present as well were Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., Ms.

Patricia M. Lampkin, Ms. Susan Carkeek, R. Ariel Gomez, M.D., James L. Hilton, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Craig K. Littlepage, David J. Prior, Brett Schnell, Ms. Lauren Tilton, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

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

The Chair convened the meeting and asked Ms. Lampkin, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, to give her customary report.

Remarks by the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

Ms. Lampkin gave the Committee a brief overview of the semester ahead and a report on a miscellany of student questions, including the recent *Cavalier Daily* comic strip incident.

She then introduced Ms. Lauren Tilton, President of the Student Council. Ms. Tilton is a fourth year student in the College from Metairie, Louisiana.

Ms. Tilton touched on several Student Council issues of concern. She said Council is working to increase the multi-purpose space in Newcomb Hall available to student organizations - Council is responsible for office space allocations.

Continuing to the Student Activities Fee, the allocation of which is also a responsibility of the Student Council, she said that in 2001, 190 student organizations requested appropriations. Last year, over 300 organizations asked for money. She commented that the number of active student organizations hasn't changed that much, but the number of organizations asking for money is increasing.

There are at present some 600 active student organization.

Turning to parking and transportation questions, she said Council is working with the Police and Parking and Transportation to update Safe Ride. As for the proposed new bus routes, Council is getting student input on these through student forums.

Council is continuing University Peer Support, a project begun last year. The goal is to provide a peer support system paring second, third, and fourth year students with incoming first year students for academic and co-curricular support and special programming. Upper class students in the other peer advising programs, she said, are welcome to be a part of this program. The project ties into recommendations made by the Commission on the Future of the University.

Ms. Tilton spoke about the *Cavalier Daily* comic strip incident and remarked that for one of the few times since she has been at the University, she saw students take a lead and continue the conversation on the issues raised past the immediate aftermath of the event.

Report by the Athletics Director

Mr. Littlepage, the Athletics Director, introduced Mr. Brett Schnell, Assistant Athletics Director for Human Resources. Mr. Schnell was hired on July 1, 2004.

Mr. Schnell began his presentation with a statement of the mission of the Department of Athletics, which can be summed up by the phrase, "Uncompromised Excellence in Intercollegiate Athletics." In 2004, when he arrived, there were 97 full time General Faculty in the Department, 72 full time Classified Employees, approximately 50-60 Mentors and Tutors, plus additional part time Staff, Students and Volunteer Coaches. There are now 118 General Faculty, 84 full time Classified and University Staff Employees, 60 Mentors and Tutors, along with additional part time Staff, Students, and Volunteer Coaches.

The personnel challenge for Athletics, he said, is how to recruit, attract, and hire the best talent to achieve the Department's mission, as well as how to expand efforts to diversify faculty and staff. He touched on ways his office is working to accomplish these goals, as well as some notable successes (e.g., the first African American Head Coach at the University; an increase since 2004 in the percentage of minority employees from 14.20% to 16.33%).

He concluded his remarks by saying that progress has been made, but there is still work to be done.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

AGG:jb

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