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 February 8, 2008

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 9:10 a.m., Friday, February 8, 2008, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided.

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

Also present were The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., The Hon. Lewis F. Payne, and E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced the Consent Agenda item, a resolution accepting the Annual Report of WTJU.

CONSENT AGENDA – WTJU Annual Report

The FCC broadcasting license for radio station WTJU is held by the Rector and Visitors; it is a noncommercial educational operator's license, which means that the Board must approve WTJU's Annual Report.

The Chair asked for a resolution approving the Annual Report.

On motion, the Committee adopted the following resolution and recommended it to the full Board for approval:

Approval of WTJU'S 2006-2007 Annual Report

RESOLVED, WTJU’s 2006-2007 Annual Report is approved, as recommended by the President and the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer.

REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICER

The Chair asked Ms. Lampkin, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, to make her customary report.

Ms. Lampkin noted that although the spring term is only a few weeks along, student activities are well underway. Spring elections begin next week and many student organizations have already begun their annual transitions in leadership. Fraternity and Sorority rush is done: the Inter Sorority Council had a record number of women participating in rush – now known, among sororities, as recruitment: 819 began the process – an increase of 75 from last year – and 608 were given bids. Some 700 men rushed fraternities, but the figures for those who pledged are not yet available.

The Honor Committee and the University Judiciary Committee will have elections on February 19th and the new chairs for both groups will be selected in March and will take office on April 1st.
The search – which will be a national search – for a new Dean of Students has begun. Mr. Allen Groves has been serving as Interim Dean since Ms. Rue’s departure at the end of the summer. Ms. Lampkin said she hoped to have a Dean selected by the end of April.

University Career Services sponsored the Spring Internship and Job Fair for two days in Newcomb Hall last week; 180 employers were on hand and some 1500 students participated. Career Services in mid January organized a new event, the Multicultural Professional Development Conference, which though marketed specifically to students of color, was open to all students. Nearly 120 students participated, and Ms. Dorsey was involved as a panelist.

Black History Month has just begun with a very interesting program in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Next weekend, Ms. Lampkin said, the University will be the host for an ACC Student Leadership Conference, the theme of which will be “Aspiring for Impact: Evolving Perspectives of Student Leadership.” Some 80 students from the Atlantic Coast Conference schools will participate; the keynote address will be given by Peter Newman, a visiting Fulbright Scholar in the Architecture School from Australia. Mr. Newman’s particular area of expertise is sustainability, and sustainability will be the focus of a student participant case competition during the conference. The conference is sponsored by the ACC.

REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE UNIVERSITY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Ms. Lampkin introduced Mr. Connor Sullivan, Chair of the University Judiciary Committee. Mr. Sullivan is a fourth year student in the College from Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, and is doing a double major in Economics and History.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Judiciary Committee has had an extremely busy year, and he cited case statistics. He gave a brief description of new systems the Committee has instituted in an effort reduce the processing time for cases.

There was considerable discussion with Mr. Sullivan about his report, with questions centered on Committee procedures, concerns about the confidentiality of the Committee’s records, and so on.
REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS – Comments by Coach Groh

The Chair asked Mr. Littlepage, Director of Athletics, to give his customary report. Mr. Littlepage commented that Al Groh, Head Football Coach, had been named an ACC Coach of the Year for 2007. He then introduced Mr. Groh, who made brief remarks.

Mr. Groh talked about the extraordinary coming together of the team this year, players as well as coaches, in a spirit of unity and a sense of functioning together as a true team. This created a foundation upon which future strengths can be built.

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS – Continued

Mr. Littlepage continued his comments with a report on the recent NCAA convention.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

AGG: jb
These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors website.
http://www.virginia.edu/bov/studentminutes.html