MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair
Daniel R. Abramson
A. Macdonald Caputo
Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ex Officio
G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr.
Glynn D. Key
Don R. Pippin
Warren M. Thompson
W. Heywood Fralin, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Alan A. Diamonstein
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Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.
Austin Ligon
Adom Getachew

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting on June 13, 2008

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 2:30 p.m., Friday, June 13, 2008, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided.

Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, Thomas F. Farrell, II, G. Slaughter Fitz-Hugh, Jr., Warren M. Thompson, Ms. Adom Getachew, and W. Haywood Fralin, Rector, were present.

Also present were Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., The Honorable Lewis F. Payne, and E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.

Present, too, were Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Ms. Susan A. Carkeek, William B. Harvey,
The Chair opened the meeting and asked Mr. Littlepage, Director of Athletics, to introduce Mr. Mark Fletcher, Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports.

Report by the Director of Intramural and Recreational Sports

Mr. Fletcher gave a quick overview of intramural recreational sports at the University. The program, he said, began in 1928 when a medical student approached a faculty member about starting an intramural basketball league. He said the administrative structure is somewhat unique in that over 90% of collegiate recreation programs report to Student Affairs. Funding for intramural recreational sports comes from the state, from student fees, from faculty/staff memberships and from program revenue.

Citing statistics, Mr. Fletcher told the Committee that 94% of all undergraduate students use the intramural recreational sports facilities; that there are over a million uses of indoor recreation facilities per year; that a sixth of all undergraduate students are involved in club sports; that there are over 1,900 intramural teams; and that there are over 5,000 faculty, staff and spouse memberships. Describing the facilities available, he said there are over 300,000 square feet of indoor facilities and 32 acres of outdoor playing space.

Several questions on various aspects of the University’s Athletics programs were directed to Mr. Littlepage.

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

Report of the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

Ms. Lampkin gave the Committee a quick review of some highlights from the end of the academic year and the beginning of the summer. Student volunteers and paid interns played significant roles at Reunions. Leadership 2008 – or L2K8 – took place the week before Reunions and involved 37 students who represented 29 different student organizations. It was an intensive one-week program for the newly elected leaders of this organization. This year, the participants spent a day in Charlottesville working on a Habitat for Humanity project.
Summer Orientation for entering undergraduates will begin on June 23rd. In preparation for this, Student Affairs has begun work to ensure a smooth implementation of HB 1058, the bill passed by the General Assembly at the past Session and which takes effect on July 1st. The legislation requires the governing bodies of every public institution in Virginia to establish policies and procedures requiring the release of a dependent student’s educational record to his/her parent upon that parent’s request.

HB 1058 deals with the release of a student’s education records, but it does not include law enforcement or medical records.

Ms. Lampkin said the Provost has designated the University Registrar to handle requests for academic records. Student Affairs will handle any non-academic record requests and she has designated the Dean of Students to deal with these. HB 1058 applies only to parents of tax-dependent students. In order to ensure proper compliance with the law, the University will solicit tax dependency information from all students when they return in August.

She then explained the security safeguards that will be put in place to protect this information.

The Chair proposed a resolution approving and listing the new policies mandated by HB 1058 – one provision of the bill being a requirement that the governing boards of each state institution establish the necessary policies and procedures to comply with the legislation.

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

Approval of New Policies and Procedures Providing for the Release of Educational Records to Parents of Dependent Students upon Request

WHEREAS, House Bill 1058 was passed during the 2008 General Assembly Session to require the release of the educational record of a dependent student, as defined by 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, to a parent at his/her request; and

WHEREAS, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, generally defines “dependent student,” consistent with the Internal Revenue Code, as a student who does not provide over one-half of his/her own support for the
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calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer begins; and

WHEREAS, the HB 1058 requires that the governing boards of each institution establish the policies and procedures necessary to comply with the legislation;

RESOLVED, in accordance with HB 1058 and commencing the effective date thereof on July 1, 2008, the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia hereby affirms as University policy the aforesaid requirement to release the educational records of dependent students to their parents upon request; the requirement shall be implemented as follows:

1. The University’s Department of Information Technology and Communication shall electronically solicit dependency status from all incoming and returning students and shall store such data on the University’s central student system of record.

2. A parent also may provide his/her tax records to the University to demonstrate a student’s dependent status to ensure that such status is accurately recorded in the central student system of record.

3. The University’s Executive Vice President and Provost shall designate the office under his/her jurisdiction to be primarily responsible for collecting and responding to requests from parents of dependent students for academic records.

4. The University’s Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer shall designate the office under his/her jurisdiction to be primarily responsible for collecting and responding to requests from parents of dependent students for non-academic records.

5. Appropriate personnel in these offices shall consult the University’s central student system of record to confirm a student’s dependent status prior to furnishing educational records to parents under this policy.

6. The foregoing is subject at all times to the authority and direction of the University officials charged hereunder to develop and implement specific procedures as may be desirable or necessary, including designating other University offices or personnel to respond to requests for records under this policy, as may be necessary or appropriate under the circumstances.
On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.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