

October 2, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair
Daniel R. Abramson
A. Macdonald Caputo
Thomas F. Farrell, II
Adom Getachew
Glynn D. Key
Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr.
Don R. Pippin
Warren M. Thompson
W. Heywood Fralin, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Alan A. Diamonstein	Austin Ligon
Helen E. Dragas	Lewis F. Payne
Robert D. Hardie	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 October 2, 2008

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 4:35 p.m., Thursday, October 2, 2008, in the Dome Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided.

Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ms. Glynn D. Key, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., Don R. Pippin, Ms. Adom Getachew, and W. Heywood Fralin, Rector, were present.

Also present were John O. Wynne, The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein, Ms. Helen E. Dragas, and Robert D. Hardie.

Present as well were Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Craig K. Littlepage, Ms. Susan A. Carkeek,

Ms. Shoop, who brought her medal with her, described her Olympic experiences and her training at the University, and answered questions posed by Members. The Chair thanked her, on behalf of the Board for so ably representing the country and the University.

The Chair asked Mr. Littlepage for a report on Mr. Devvarman, the tennis player, who met with the Board at the June meeting. Mr. Devvarman took his degree in the spring and is now a professional player. Mr. Littlepage replied that he is doing well and is moving up rapidly in the rankings of professional tennis players.

REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Lampkin gave her customary report.

She reminded the Committee - many of whose Members participated in the Orientation sessions - that this summer was the tenth year of Summer Orientation. Some 97% of all incoming students, first year as well as transfer, attended one of the eleven sessions. Approximately 4,100 parents attended; to put it another way, 77% of all new students brought at least one parent.

One of the features of Summer Orientation this year was a new alcohol education program in which both parents and students participated.

Another new alcohol education program, "Alcohol-Wise," was tried this year. It is a confidential, online program and all first-year students were required to complete it within their first two weeks at the University; some 91% have done so at this point.

Ms. Lampkin reported on efforts to comply with the new state requirements to gather and maintain tax dependency data on students. She touched briefly on improving planning in Student Affairs for responding to emergencies of the kind that occurred at Virginia Tech.

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Ms. Lampkin introduced Mr. Matthew Schrimper, a third year student in the College from Nashville, Indiana, who is President of the Student Council.

Noting that there are 250 members of the Student Council this year, Mr. Schrimper said it is one of the most impressive groups he has seen at the University. The quality of Council this year and its close working relationship with the Administration of the University, he said, presents unique opportunities.

He listed several Council initiatives this year, in particular the University Unity Project: he explained that the Unity Project is an effort to unite the student body in a common theme for the year - the theme for this year is "Beyond Our Grounds, Within Our Community."

An aspect of this is off-Grounds safety. Half the student body lives off the Grounds and it is unacceptable for them to feel unsafe in any part of this community. Mr. Schrimper said the Student Council has been working closely with Mr. Sandridge in efforts to illuminate off-Grounds neighborhoods, provide more reliable late night transportation services, improve safety around the railroad tracks, and offer a wide array of options for traveling to and from the Grounds late at night.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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