

April 3, 2009

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 April 3, 2009

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 9:50 a.m., Friday, April 3, 2009, in the Board 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, Warren M. Thompson, and W. Heywood Fralin, Rector, were present.

Also present were The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein, Ms. Helen E. Dragas, Robert D. Hardie, Austin Ligon, The Hon. Lewis F. Payne, and E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D.

Rahul Gorawara, the Student Member-elect, was present.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Ms. Susan A. Carkeek, William B. Harvey, James L. Hilton, R. Edward Howell, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, James L. McBride, and Ms. Jeanne Flipppo Bailes.

Ms. Lampkin, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, gave a very brief report and then introduced Mr. McBride, Executive Director of the Office of University Career Services.

Mr. McBride made a presentation on the Office of University Career Services: he noted that he last reported to the Board on the activities of his office in the spring of 2007, "and the tone of that report was positive in every regard." He went on to say that he wished "that were the case today. It would be misleading not to tell you that students graduating in May 2009 are facing one of the most challenging employment markets any of us has ever seen." Nonetheless, he continued, "our career counselors would tell you the students we are advising have not displayed panic or fear with respect to the employment market."

He then described the range of services the Office provides.

Citing some figures, he said that although the number of student interviews has decreased by 28% in the last year and the number of employers recruiting has declined by 26%, there were about 6,100 individual interviews over the course of the year, and the Office played host to 329 recruiting organizations. He said the Office "could strategically turn students' attention to more productive occupations - to less affected geographic areas - often some combination of the two. Indeed, those are still effective strategies we are recommending."

"Employers," he went on to say, "continue to emphasize the value of maintaining viable internship programs. This is substantiated in a recent study where 77% of the organizations reported using their internship programs as the primary source for recruiting entry-level talent."

Many students, he told the Committee, "are seriously pursuing options such as the Peace Corps and Americorps." He cited a 42% increase in applications for Teach for America and a 19% increase in applications for the Peace Corps.

A bright spot is the first graduating class of the Batten School, who has achieved great success in post-graduation endeavors.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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