MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

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and

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John O. Wynne

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting on February 6, 2009

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:40 a.m., on Friday, February 6, 2009, in the Board Room at the Rotunda; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided.

Present were Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, Thomas F. Farrell, II, Ms. Glynn D. Key, Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., Warren M. Thompson, and W. Heywood Fralin, Rector.

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

The Chair introduced Mr. Littlepage, Director of Athletics, and asked him to introduce Mr. Booz, Associate Director of Athletics for Academic Affairs.

Mr. Booz gave a report on Academic Progress Rates (APR – a term and method developed by the NCAA for every Division I sports team) for student athletes at the University. The APR, he explained, is calculated term-by-term and “provides a real-time assessment of student-athlete and team academic performance.”

The APR, he continued, is a dual measurement in that it is calculated based upon individual student-athlete academic progress but is reported as a composite team measurement. If a team’s APR falls below a numerical benchmark of 925, the team could be sanctioned; sanctions could include loss of scholarships, loss of television exposure and no postseason involvements. He explained the way the APR is calculated and then gave some figures: of the men’s programs, the APR for Basketball for Golf is the highest, followed by Swimming, Tennis and Lacrosse, in that order. Football (951), Basketball (941) and Baseball (963) exceed the national average.

Women’s Soccer (996), Softball (996), Volleyball (995), Women’s Lacrosse (995), Rowing (994) and Women’s Swimming (997), rank with the top 10% of their respective sport programs. However, Women’s Basketball (928), Men’s Soccer (949), and Women’s Tennis (952), rank below the national average.

He then described national efforts to raise the APR in Baseball, Men’s Basketball, and Football, as well as in Women’s Basketball.

There was considerable discussion about Mr. Booz’s report.

In light of time constraints, Ms. Lampkin, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, did not give her customary report.

Instead, she introduced Ms. Merriam Mikhail, a fourth-year student in the College from Malvern, Pennsylvania, who is Chair of the Judiciary Committee.
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Ms. Mikhail reported on the activities of the Committee this year. She said the Committee's new case processing system went online last winter and has successfully met its goals of (1) easing case filing; (2) providing all available case-related information; (3) centralizing information; (4) shortening case processing time; and (5) reducing some of the time consuming administrative tasks of the Committee.

Since the system went on line, she said, 196 cases have been filed, an increase over last year.

Ms. Lampkin then introduced Ms. Jessica Huang, a fourth-year student from Westmont, Illinois, who is Chair of the Honor Committee.

Ms. Huang reported on the activities of the Committee. She said the Honor Committee's goals for the year had been centered on case processing, education, increasing diversity within the pools of Honor Committee support staff, and improving relations with the faculty. She then gave a progress report on the Committee's attainment of these goals.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 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