

June 12, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair
Daniel R. Abramson
A. Macdonald Caputo
Thomas F. Farrell, II
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:

The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein	Austin Ligon
Helen E. Dragas	The Hon. Lewis F. Payne
Rahul Gorawara	E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D
Robert D. Hardie	John O. Wynne

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting on June 12, 2009

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:15 a.m., Friday, June 12, 2009, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Chair, presided.

Daniel R. Abramson, 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, Rahul Gorawara, Robert D. Hardie, Austin Ligon, The Hon. Lewis F. Payne, E. Darracott Vaughan, Jr., M.D. and John O. Wynne.

Present as well were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Ms. Susan G. Harris, Paul J. Forch, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Ms. Susan A. Carkeek, Arthur Garson, Jr., M.D., James L. Hilton, Craig K. Littlepage, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Thomas C. Skalak, Robert D. Sweeney, Ms. Catherine Chambers, Allen Groves, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

Mr. Littlepage, Director of Athletics, introduced Brian O'Connor, coach of the baseball team, who spoke to the Board by telephone. The baseball team was participating in the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, for the first time. Mr. O'Connor made brief remarks about the team and the experience.

Vice President's Report

Ms. Lampkin, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, gave a brief report, including providing some statistics on student summer orientation and public service internship programs. She mentioned that some first year students will be housed in Hereford and Gooch/Dillard, however, programming will be in place to support these students. Ms. Lampkin then introduced Mr. Allen Groves, Dean of Students, who reported on his first year as Dean of Students.

Mr. Groves focused his comments on one of the priorities for the year: safety. He mentioned the "dean on call" system whereby a dean is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He said some students come to the University with psychological issues and others develop them while a student. International student psychological issues can be challenging, dealing with different cultural views. These matters take a great deal of time and energy. He said that Dean Laushway will become the "point person" for the dean on call program, and other experienced employees will be working in this area. Mr. Groves reviewed the significant resources available to manage these issues, but there are many challenges.

Student Athlete Advisory Council

The Chair then called on Mr. Littlepage. Mr. Littlepage introduced Ms. Catherine Chambers, President of the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). Ms. Chambers said the SAAC is a "student council" for athletes, addressing team, athletic community, as well as NCAA bylaws issues. The focus this year is on changing "me" to "we", that is, learning how to contribute to the University as a group. She gave several examples of student athletes addressing important community issues. She said one of the committee members was Mark Fletcher, who died on June 10th. He will be remembered for his work on safety and his passion for

University athletes and athletics. She also mentioned the death of Will Barrow, a member of the Men's Lacrosse team. She described the support the athletes received initially from administrators and coaches which trickled down to student leaders and teammates.

Ms. Chambers discussed the ACC annual sportsmanship awards and the promotion of involvement of student athletes in the community. Ms. Chambers said the SAAC is developing a "Cavalier Creed" that will include a number of qualities expected of student athletes.

The Chair then introduced Mr. Brian Boland, coach of the men's tennis team, who introduced the NCAA doubles champions, Michael Shabaz and Dominic Ingot.

Mr. Littlepage made some final comments about the many contributions to the University of Mark Fletcher, Director of Intramural Sports, who passed away this week.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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