

February 25, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee:

Glynn D. Key, Chair
The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein
Susan Y. Dorsey
Helen E. Dragas
Rahul Gorawara
Randal J. Kirk
The Honorable Lewis F. Payne
Don R. Pippin
E. Darracott Vaughan Jr., M.D.
John O. Wynne, Ex Officio
Edmund W. Kitch, Consulting Member

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Daniel R. Abramson	Robert D. Hardie
A. Macdonald Caputo	Austin Ligon
W. Heywood Fralin	Vincent J. Mastracco Jr.
Warren M. Thompson	

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Educational Policy
Committee on February 25, 2010

The Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 3:07 p.m., on Thursday, February 25, 2010, in the Board Room at the Rotunda; Ms. Glynn D. Key, Chair, presided by telephone.

Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, Ms. Helen E. Dragas, Rahul Gorawara, Randal J. Kirk, The Honorable Lewis F. Payne, E. Darracott Vaughan Jr., M.D., and John O. Wynne were present.

Also present were Daniel R. Abramson, A. Macdonald Caputo, W. Heywood Fralin, Robert D. Hardie, Austin Ligon, Vincent J. Mastracco Jr., and Warren M. Thompson.

The Consulting Member from the Faculty Senate, Edmund W. Kitch, was also present.

Present as well were John T. Casteen III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Ms. Susan G. Harris, Paul J. Forch, Arthur Garson Jr., M.D., Ms. Susan A. Carkeek, Steven T. DeKosky, M.D., James L. Hilton, R. Edward Howell, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Marcus L. Martin, M.D., David J. Prior, Ms. Yoke San L. Reynolds, Ms. Colette Sheehy, Thomas C. Skalak, Ms. Laura D. Casteen, Ms. Valerie H. Gregory, Ms. Ann B. Hamric, J. Milton Adams, and Ms. Jeanne Flipppo Bailes.

Also present was Stewart Ackerly, the Student Member-Elect of the Board of Visitors.

The Chair was not on the telephone at the beginning of the meeting. The Rector brought the meeting to order and asked Dr. Garson to present the action item on a new degree program in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies. Dr. Garson said it is an interdisciplinary Masters degree program.

ACTION ITEM: NEW DEGREE PROGRAM

On motion, the Committee approved the following resolution:

APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM: MASTER OF ARTS IN MIDDLE EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

RESOLVED, subject to approval by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the Master of Arts in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies is established in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Dr. Garson introduced Valerie Gregory, Laura Casteen, and J. Milton Adams, to discuss Access UVA. Ms. Gregory, Associate Dean of Admissions, began with the recruiting efforts.

Ms. Gregory said the University participates in a service to receive the names of high achieving low income students. The Center for Student Opportunity helps advertise the University to the low income population, and allows the University to contact their scholars. The University has been jointly traveling with Princeton and Harvard for the past three years, which allows access to their databases. University representatives also have developed their own travel schedules to southwest Virginia and the Washington D.C area. Guidance counselors are helpful in identifying students; the large group sessions do not always attract the targeted students.

Parents are a tremendous influence on their children's college decisions. The University has held information sessions in Spanish in certain areas to accommodate some of the parents.

A student organization, Hoos for Open Access, helps with recruitment in several different ways including high school visits during their breaks.

Ms. Gregory has found it is important to get low income students to the Grounds in the recruiting process. Also, waiving application fees and deposits encourages low income students to consider the University.

This year, Access UVA is a recipient of the Jefferson Public Trust grant which will provide funds for recruiting.

In 2004, there were 702 applicants from low income families with a yield of 49.8%. In 2009, there were 1599 applicants with a yield of 61.8%. The Common Application plays a role in increasing the number of applications.

Ms. Laura Casteen, Associate Dean of Students, explained the support for students enrolled in Access UVA. She said there are a number of offices around Grounds who work with low income students, but until her position was created in July 2009, there was no individual who was dedicated to supporting these students.

Programs Ms. Casteen coordinates include financial literacy workshops, a program on financing study abroad and J term opportunities, an annual FAFSA workshop, and a Benefits 101 program to give the students tools to plan for their financial future. She is producing a guide to living on a budget in Charlottesville, and a list of University awards and grants for which low income students may qualify.

Ms. Casteen said she works very closely with Hoos for Open Access and the Access UVA Advisory Committee.

J. Milton Adams, Vice Provost for Academic Programs, talked about the academic engagement of Access UVA students. For the class who entered in 2006, 827 participated in a study abroad opportunity, including 44 low income students. Harrison Award (undergraduate research) participants included 3 students from low income families, and 2 low income students participated on Jefferson Public Citizens teams. Students from low income families are participating in these programs at about the same rates as the student body as a whole.

Dr. Garson introduced Ms. Ann B. Hamric, the Chair of the Faculty Senate, to give a brief report on faculty concerns. Ms. Hamric provided a "snapshot" of the issues that the Faculty Senate dealt with in the Fall semester. In all cases, the Faculty Senate provided a link to a person at the University who could address the issue. A full written report was provided to the Board of Visitors Office for review by Board Members.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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