STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Board Room, The Rotunda

Committee Members:
Robert D. Hardie, Chair            Marvin W. Gilliam Jr.
Stewart H. Ackerly                Glynn D. Key
A. Macdonald Caputo              Mark J. Kington
Susan Y. Dorsey                   Austin Ligon
W. Heywood Fralin                John O. Wynne, Ex-officio

AGENDA

I. REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICER (Ms. Lampkin)  
   A. Vice President’s Remarks
      • Student Affairs
   B. Let’s Get Grounded Campaign (Ms. Lampkin to introduce Ms. Sharon Zanti and Ms. Kelsey Host; Ms. Zanti and Ms. Host to report)  
   C. Student Council (Written Report)  

II. REPORT BY THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR (Mr. Littlepage)  
   • Athletic Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BOARD MEETING: November 16, 2010

COMMITTEE: Student Affairs and Athletics

AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Vice President’s Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: The Vice President and Chief Student Affairs officer will discuss the approach, activities, and strategies the Division of Student Affairs is using to address the Board goals relative to the student experience.
Let's Get Grounded is a student-run program designed to address "bystander behavior," a phenomenon wherein individuals witness problematic situations yet do not react in ways that reduce harm and improve safety. Together with staff from the Division of Student Affairs, students have modified an existing program (called Step Up!) and have begun presenting to student groups across the Grounds. The 90-minute program includes research on bystander behavior, specific steps to assess and address problematic situations, and scenarios that are customized for each group. The program is available to students, faculty, and staff, and to date over 600 students have participated in the program.

Ms. Zanti is a fourth-year student in the McIntire School of Commerce from Leesburg, Virginia, and also serves as one of the tri-chairs of the Resident Staff program.

Ms. Host is a fourth-year in the College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in Government. She is from Norfolk, Virginia, and serves as the student co-chair of the Madison House Board of Directors.
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AGENDA ITEM: I.C. Student Council (written report)

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Student Council will present a written report of its goals and activities for the year.
Our community is a special place, and Student Council is working every day to protect and improve the quality of the student experience. Council undertakes projects such as safety, environmental sustainability and academics, among others.

Each spring, students elect 29 representatives to Student Council: the President; Vice-President for Administration; Vice-President for Organizations; 1 BATT; 8 CLAS; 1 CSPS; 2 EDUC; 1 GSBA; 1 GSAS; 2 COMM; 1 ARCH; 3 SEAS; 2 LAW; 1 MED; 1 NURS; 1 transfer student, and 1 first-year student. These groups work with the executive board to lead 350 Council members in efforts to improve student life. Many of our programs and initiatives are continuous Council efforts; however, many projects are new programs for this academic year.

A few projects run by Student Council in early 2010:

- Created online Off-Grounds Safety Forum to gather student feedback—received 350 responses and suggestions on Student Council and University safety programs, including SafeRide, library hours, and potential lighting improvements.

- We empowered students to contribute to the academic experience with “Cavalier Education: Student-Initiated Courses for Fall 2010.” Student-initiated courses give students the opportunity to create and teach their own CR/NC courses to their peers under faculty supervision. 13 classes are offered each semester and over 30 applications are received. Each class last year had large waitlists. Examples of courses include:
  - Political Satire and the New Media Age (Bri Rizzo and Courtney Stokke, Fall 2010)
  - The Art Business (Anna Belk, Martha Byrd, Reece Mealy and Courtney Schaefer, Fall 2010)
  - Anatomy of a Financial Crisis (Rahul Gorawara and James Rogers, Spring 2010)

- The Appropriations process continues to thrive as we provide $575,000 annually to many of the 680 student organizations on Grounds. These funds come from the Student Activity Fee, which is $44/student. Record-breaking amounts of organizations have applied for funds due to higher demand and increased educational efforts.
In collaboration with the University Athletics Department, we promoted U.Va. athletics with the "Virginia Football T-Shirt Design Contest," the "FSU White Out," and "U.Va. Football TV Commercial Recruitment." We also launched our water distribution program. When the heat index is forecast to be 90 degrees or above when the gates open to the public for a home football game, we distribute one free water bottle to each student; this year the subsidy for this program was $3500.

We made traveling easier for students with the UVAirBus, which is a shuttle to and from the Richmond airport. A ride costs $20 each way and operates before and after academic breaks. 236 students have utilized this service since its pilot program during Thanksgiving break 2009.

Several events celebrated diversity on Grounds, including "The Slave Experience at U.Va.," a historical talk and reception, as well as "Minds Wide Open: U.Va Celebrates Women in the Arts." Both events included faculty co-sponsorship and brought new elements of education into the student experience.

The Student Savings Program was initiated in order to provide students discounts to over 350 local, regional, and national establishments.

On October 25, we hosted Congressional candidates Tom Perriello and Jeff Clark in our first Congressional town-hall style debate. Over 250 students participated and the debate focused on questions directly from the student body.

To encourage sustainability, we held a green reception for Earth Week and last spring a referendum mandated the establishment of the Green Initiative For Tomorrow (GIFT), which will fund student, faculty or staff projects on Grounds that decrease the University’s impact on the environment.

To truly improve the student experience, Council must connect with our peers. Student Council is harnessing the power of applications such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Ustream to create a more easily accessible, responsive student government. For example, the Congressional debate was live streamed online via Ustream and Facebook.
Our revamped website—UVAStrudentCouncil.com—has many new features, including live streaming of Student Council meetings, YouTube videos explaining new initiatives and personal bios introducing the many faces that make up Student Council. The website is fully interactive and allows students to easily contact Council and keep up to date with its day-to-day operations. Since the beginning of the academic year, the site has been viewed 70,347 times.

Council also introduced a website to allow students to submit concerns. SpeakUpUVa.com is a hub for student ideas where any student is free to anonymously post. To supplement this, students can vote on proposals to assist the Council in gauging the interest and desire for proposed ideas. Many University departments, including Housing, Dining, ITC, and the Police Department now utilize SpeakUpUVA.com as a vehicle to collect student feedback.

Submitted November 3, 2010
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AGENDA ITEM: II. Athletics Director’s Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: The Athletics Director will provide the background on the development of the Athletics Department budget effective fiscal year 2012.