MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

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

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Hunter E. Craig
The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein
Helen E. Dragas
The Hon. Lewis F. Payne

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting on February 24, 2011

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 2011, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Robert D. Hardie, Chair, presided.

Stewart H. Ackerly, A. Macdonald Caputo, Ms. Susan Y. Dorsey, W. Heywood Fralin, Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Ms. Glynn D. Key, Mark J. Kington, Austin Ligon, and John O. Wynne, Rector, were present.

Also present were The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein, Ms. Helen E. Dragas, Vincent J. Mastracco Jr., and The Hon. Lewis F. Payne.
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Jonathan B. Overdevest, the student member-elect of the Board of Visitors, was present as well.

The Chair explained that at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, February 25th there will be a joint meeting of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee and the Educational Policy Committee to engage in a panel discussion on the impact of the student experience on our alumni. Everyone was invited to attend. This portion of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee will focus on Athletics.

The Chair introduced Mr. Craig K. Littlepage, the Athletics Director, to discuss the student-athlete experience at the University.

Athletics Director’s Remarks

Mr. Littlepage reported on the University’s 25 intercollegiate athletics programs. He said there are 675 student-athletes, with 291 women and 384 men. There are 479 athletics grants-in-aid. Mr. Littlepage said athletes choose UVA because of academic excellence, the quality of the sports programs, the balance of academic and athletics rigor including membership in the ACC, and the locale and beauty of the University Grounds.

Ms. Jane Miller, Senior Associate Director of Athletics Programs, continued the presentation. She said various organizations and programs assist student athletes, including several surveys and evaluations of the student-athlete experience.

Mr. Littlepage reviewed the majors of student-athletes, and said 288 student-athletes are on the ACC honor roll. The graduation rate is among the top of all public institutions. He said student-athletes do a great deal of community and University service. Ms. Miller reviewed the survey results on student-athlete satisfaction with their classroom experience and student life.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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These minutes have been posted to the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors website.
http://www.virginia.edu/bov/studentminutes.html