September 15, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Robert D. Hardie, Chair
A. Macdonald Caputo
Allison Cryor DiNardo
Marvin W. Gilliam Jr.
Glynn D. Key
George Keith Martin
John L. Nau III
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Helen E. Dragas, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Hunter E. Craig
The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein
W. Heywood Fralin
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Randal J. Kirk
Stephen P. Long, M.D.
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Edward D. Miller, M.D., Ex Officio

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting on September 15, 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, September 15, 2011, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Robert D. Hardie, Chair, presided.

A. Macdonald Caputo, Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Ms. Glynn D. Key, George Keith Martin, John L. Nau III, Timothy B. Robertson, Jonathan B. Overdevest, and Ms. Helen E. Dragas, Rector, were present.
Also present were Hunter E. Craig, The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein, W. Heywood Fralin, Mark J. Kington, Randal J. Kirk, Stephen P. Long, M.D., Vincent J. Mastracco Jr., and Edward D. Miller, M.D.


Athletics Director Remarks

The Chair turned the meeting over to Mr. Craig Littlepage, Director of Athletics, who summarized the 2011 Virginia baseball season. Mr. Littlepage showed a short video and introduced Mr. Brian O’Connor, head coach of the Virginia baseball team. He said Mr. O’Connor received his third coach of the year honor.

Mr. O’Connor spoke about his career at the University and the 2011 season, particularly the games leading up to and during the College World Series. He said Mr. Littlepage was responsible for bringing him to the University; their visions for the program were compatible. He said Access UVA has made a major difference to the program; there are two players on full Access UVA scholarships who could have gone directly into the pro leagues from high school but chose to attend the University. He thanked the University administration for their support, particularly the President. He said donors are an important component to their success, and recruiting is a major component as well. The coaches are responsible for developing the recruits as students, people, and athletes. On average, 13 players on the roster make the ACC academic honor role every year. Last year, Tyler Wilson won the Lowe’s student athlete award as the top student athlete in the country. He said the program is continuing to improve and he is excited about the future.

Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer Remarks

The chair introduced Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, who spoke about summer orientation and the first year class. She said the class is very strong.

Ms. Lampkin said she was focusing today on the base of the pyramid on the student experience, which is safety. She said the Committee would hear from the chairs of the Honor Committee, Ms. Ann Marie McKenzie, and the Judiciary Committee, Ms. Victoria Marchetti.
Honor Committee Report

Ms. Ann Marie McKenzie, Chair of the Honor Committee, briefed the Committee. She explained the process for bringing an Honor case and activities and priorities for the Honor Committee for the 2011-2012 academic year. She said the Honor Committee has had difficulty recruiting students from diverse backgrounds, and this is an issue they are trying to address through a number of channels. They are also looking at how they handle case processing and whether there are ways to reduce time and cost.

University Judiciary Committee

Changes were made to the University’s Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures in July which require changes to the Standards of Conduct. Ms. Lampkin introduced Ms. Victoria Marchetti, Chair of the University Judiciary Committee, to discuss the content and significance of the changes as well as the history of the University Judiciary Committee. She said the Board of Visitors must approve changes to the Standards of Conduct. The new Sexual Misconduct Policy covers rape, sexual misconduct, and sexual exploitation, so it is broader than sexual assault, which was the term used in Standard One of the Standards of Conduct. The other change is to expand jurisdiction so that sexual misconduct by a student occurring anywhere may be adjudicated.

After much discussion, including Ms. Susan Davis explaining that the federal Department of Education mandated these changes, on motion, the Committee approved the following resolution and recommended it for approval by the full Board:

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA STANDARD OF CONDUCT #1

WHEREAS, the University’s sexual assault procedures were revised in July 2011; and

WHEREAS, the revised procedures are entitled "The University of Virginia Policy and Procedures for Student Sexual Misconduct Complaints" (the "Policy"); and

WHEREAS, under the Policy, sexual assault is part of a range of behaviors defined as "Sexual Misconduct"; and

WHEREAS, Standard 1 currently uses the term "sexual assault" to describe prohibited conduct; and

WHEREAS, the language of Standard 1 should be clarified to track the revised definition of "Sexual Misconduct" as set forth in the Policy.
RESOLVED, the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia affirms the revision of Standard 1 to read as follows:

"Physical assault of any person on University-owned or leased property, at any University sanctioned function, at the permanent or temporary local residence of a University student, faculty member, employee, visitor, or in the City of Charlottesville or Albemarle County, or Sexual Misconduct, as defined in the University of Virginia Policy and Procedures for Student Sexual Misconduct Complaints."

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Executive Session

Upon motion, the Committee continued in Executive Session:

That the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia go into Executive Session to discuss with the Board and General Counsel specific student records in the context of behavior and Threat Assessment Team response as permitted by Section 2.2-3711 (A) (2) of the Code of Virginia.

The Committee resumed its meeting in Open Session at 5:00 p.m. and adopted the following resolution certifying that its discussions in Executive Session had been held in accordance with the exemptions permitted by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

That we vote on and record our certification that, to the best of each Board member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and which were identified in the motion(s) authorizing the closed session, were heard, discussed or considered in closed session.

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On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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http://www.virginia.edu/bov/studentminutes.html