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
Timothy B. Robertson
Jonathan B. Overdevest, M.D.
Helen E. Dragas, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Hunter E. Craig
The Hon. Alan A. Diamonstein
W. Heywood Fralin
Mark J. Kington
Randal J. Kirk
Stephen P. Long, M.D.
Vincent J. Mastracca Jr.
Edward D. Miller, M.D., Ex-officio

FROM: Susan G. Harris

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee
Meeting on May 21, 2012

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of
Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 3:15
p.m., Monday, May 21, 2012, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; Robert
D. Hardie, Chair, presided.

A. Macdonald Caputo (via teleconference), Ms. Allison Cryor
DiNardo, Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Ms. Glynn D. Key, George Keith Martin,
John L. Nau III, Timothy B. Robertson, Jonathan B. Overdevest, M.D.,
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, Stephen P. Long, M.D., Vincent J. Mastracco Jr., and Edward D. Miller, M.D.


James L. McBride, Noel James Bauman, and Randy L. Bird were in attendance as presenters.

Report by the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

The Chair called on Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer, to report on student life and activities. She talked about the opening and dedication of the Ern Commons, stating the space has already hosted hundreds of events, ranging from movie nights to academic lectures.

In addition to facilitating opportunities for students to come together face-to-face, Ms. Lampkin explained that online resources to create connections among different members of the community are being developed. One online resource the Dean of Students office has been working on with the Curry School, is a website designed to attract veteran students, which should be live in the fall of this year. Another new website called "Learning in Action" has been launched, with public service as its main focus. This website connects students, faculty, and community members to academic community engagement and co-curricular service opportunities within and beyond the University. Student Affairs is also preparing to welcome the newest group of student leaders to Leadership 2012 as well as hosting close to 4,000 students and their families during Summer Orientation.

Ms. Lampkin introduced Mr. James McBride, Executive Director of University Career Services (UCS), to focus on how students are assisted when they graduate, and the employment and graduate school rates for recent graduates. Mr. McBride shared with the Committee data that showed students' career interests, their employability as graduates, and their success in matriculating to professional schools. For each of the past four years, University Career Services has advised around 6,300 students on seeking internships or full-time jobs, or assisted them in applying to graduate and professional schools.

Mr. McBride gave a brief report on students who seek admission to professional schools, explaining the acceptance rate for University of Virginia students in both law and medical schools was above the national average. He then shifted his focus to job outlook, explaining several key metrics University Career Services continually
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watch: the number of listings on the CAVLink System, the number of organizations that participate in on Grounds interviewing, and the number of employers that register and attend the University’s nine career fairs. There has been an increase in the number of CAVLink postings and on Grounds interviewing, and strong activity in all nine career fairs. Mr. McBride reviewed employment activity for the various undergraduate schools and Batten, Darden, and the Law School, and brought to the Committee’s attention the new Karsh Student Services Center at the Law School, made possible by a generous donation from law alumni Martha and Bruce Karsh. The center will include staff representing University Career Services, The Office of Judicial Clerkship, and the Public Service Center, all housed in one place.

Mr. McBride remarked on UCS’s partnership with the Peace Corps, the success of the Parents Program Internship Grants, and explained that UCS is partnering with the Center for Survey Research to conduct a first Destination Study of May 2012 graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences. He concluded with a report on the use of Scott Stadium; since the fall of 2000 it has served almost 16,000 students, alumni, and employers who have participated in various career events.

Report by the Athletics Director

As part of the Athletics Director’s Report, Mr. Craig Littlepage spoke about enhancing the student athlete’s experience. The University has many available in-house resources, including a sports psychologist and a registered dietitian who specializes in sports nutrition. Mr. Littlepage stated the University is among four schools nationally to have both of these resources in-house. He introduced Dr. Jim Bauman, the Athletics Department sports psychologist. Dr. Bauman gave an overview of his work across the 25 varsity sports and 670 student-athletes at the University. He works collaboratively with varsity team coaches, sports medicine, athletics trainers, strength and conditioning coaches, and various internal/external constituencies. He provides a variety of services and counseling that deal with the student athletes in the classroom, in sports competitions, and within the various communities.

In response to a question, Mr. Littlepage explained that funding for these programs comes from the operational budget.

Mr. Randy Bird, Director of Sports Nutrition, reported on his area’s focus on comprehensive nutrition programs that promote health and performance efforts with teams and individual student athletes. He is responsible for the development and coordination of nutritional education and services for 25 intercollegiate sports.

Mr. Littlepage concluded by commenting on the University’s remarkable spring season. He said the women’s and men’s lacrosse teams and women’s tennis team recently concluded NCAA action, track
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and field has 29 athletes who will be competing in the next step at regionals and nationals, the rowing team will be competing in nationals, the men’s tennis team will be playing in the semi-finals, and baseball begins the ACC Tournament in the coming week.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 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