MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Allison Cryor DiNardo, Chair
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William H. Goodwin Jr
John A. Griffin
John L. Nau III
Timothy B. Robertson
Margaret N. Gould
George Keith Martin, Ex-officio
Allison S. Linney, Consulting Member
Dennis R. Proffitt, Faculty Consulting Member

and

The Remaining Members of the Board and Senior Advisor:

Frank B. Atkinson
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FROM: Susan G. Harris

RE: Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee on June 6, 2014

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 11:20 a.m. on Friday, June 6, 2014, in the Auditorium of the Albert & Shirley Small Special Collections Library of the Harrison Institute; Allison Cryor DiNardo, Chair, presided.

Present were George Keith Martin, Marvin W. Gilliam Jr., Hunter E. Craig, William H. Goodwin Jr., John A. Griffin, John L. Nau III, Timothy B. Robertson, Margaret N. Gould, and Leonard W. Sandridge Jr.
Also present was Dennis R. Proffitt, Faculty Consulting Member.


Ms. DiNardo opened the meeting and gave the floor to Ms. Lampkin.

Reports by the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer

Ms. Lampkin reported on summer activities of her office. The week long summer leadership program (L2K) for 40 student leaders from the major student organizations concluded this past Sunday. A subset of these students will remain on Grounds for five weeks in a paid internship to run their organizations. The program bolsters student self-governance and is the foundation on which the student experience is built. The office is preparing for arrival of the class of 2014 and transfer students. Some 4,000 students and their families will be on Grounds this summer for orientation. The office will also start implementing total advising, and is updating the Sexual Misconduct Policies and education and prevention models.

Ms. Lampkin introduced Mr. Nicholas T. Hine, 2014-2015 Chair of the Honor Committee. Mr. Hine reported on the impact of the recent change to the Honor Committee’s by-laws and on work planned for the year ahead.

Mr. Hine noted that in the spring of 2012, students voted to amend the Honor Committee Constitution to allow students the right to file an Informed Retraction (IR) to avoid the single sanction of expulsion. After a student has been reported for an honor offense, he or she has seven days to file an IR, which requires the student to admit guilt, make amends with affected parties, and take a two-semester leave of absence from the University. During this leave, his or her transcript reads “Honor Leave of Absence.” Upon readmission, the transcript is wiped clean of all honor-related transcript notations. IR is a one-time option only.

Informed Retraction went into effect in April 2013. Since then there have been 57 honor offense reports, 15 trials, and 13 IRs. Experience to date indicates that IR has strengthened the structure of the Honor system and has furthered the goal of fostering a culture of
integrity. Mr. Hine also reported that there has been no evidence of the IR being used as a "plea bargain" by students who believe they are innocent but are afraid of a trial. Faculty response to the IR has been positive. IR has not changed the single sanction for Honor Code violations. For students who elect to pursue the honor process, expulsion remains the sole punishment at trial.

This summer Mr. Hine will work with the offices of the Dean of Students and the Vice President and Chief Student Affairs Officer to review the procedures for psychological hearings on honor offenses, to construct a new training module for incoming faculty, to plan enhanced outreach and education programs for first years and international students, and to commission a study to examine the phenomenon of disproportional reporting. When the Honor Committee reconvenes in the fall, it will focus on building relationships with the new deans, will continue to spread information about IR to academic departments, and will likely reconsider honor trial jury reform.

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Reports by the Athletics Director

Mr. Littlepage reported on the women’s soccer and tennis programs, which had record breaking seasons this past year. The soccer team completed an undefeated regular season; set a school record of 24 wins, 78 goals, and 16 shutouts; earned the regular season Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) title; and received the program’s first bid to the NCAA Women’s College Cup. The tennis team finished in a four-way tie for the regular season ACC title, and subsequently won its first ACC tournament title. It earned a #3 national seed in the NCAA tournament, advanced to the quarterfinals for the first time, and finished with a program best record of 24-6. Rising third-year student Danielle Collins won the NCAA Women’s Singles championship. Mr. Littlepage introduced Head Soccer Coach Steve Swanson, soccer player Kate Norbo, and Associate Head Tennis Coach Troy Porco.

Mr. Swanson noted that the team’s accomplishments took place in the ACC, which has the best soccer programs in the country. Of the 14 ACC schools, 11 or 12 have programs in the top 20. Mr. Swanson acknowledged that the University’s athletic programs have good leadership, good support, tremendous coaches, and tremendous athletes, but what distinguishes them and makes them successful is the University’s support and academic excellence, which is a major selling point during the recruitment of student athletes.

Ms. Norbo said that she decided to enroll at the University because of the opportunities it offered and because as a prospective student it appeared to her that the coaching staff supported the development of their athletes into complete students. The soccer
staff makes sure that soccer does not interfere with academic pursuits. Ms. Norbo believes that the University sets the standard for what it means to be a student athlete at the Division 1 level. Ms. Norbo also said that teamwork made the 2013 team so successful. Early in the season, the team developed a mantra of “all in.” By putting the team first, the players developed a tremendous bond.

Mr. Porco also noted the importance of the University’s support for the women’s tennis team’s most recent season, and the high academic performance of his team, which has a GPA of over 3.0.

Mr. Littlepage concluded by noting that the University is on track to finish in the top 10 of the Division I Director’s Cup.

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Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 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