

March 27, 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Henry L. Valentine, II, Chair
Walter F. Walker, Vice-Chair/Athletics
J. Michael Allen
Charles M. Caravati, Jr.
Champ Clark
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
Benjamin P.A. Warthen
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

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| William G. Crutchfield, Jr. | Terence P. Ross |
| William H. Goodwin, Jr. | Albert H. Small |
| T. Keister Greer | Elizabeth A. Twohy |
| Timothy B. Robertson | James C. Wheat, III |
| Joseph E. Wolfe | |

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee on March 27, 1999

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session at 10:25 a.m., Saturday, March 27, 1999, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Henry L. Valentine, II, Chair, presided. Walter F. Walker, Vice Chair, J. Michael Allen, Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Benjamin P.A. Warthen, and John P. Ackerly, III, Rector, were present. William G. Crutchfield, Jr., T. Keister Greer, Timothy B. Robertson, Terence P. Ross,

Albert H. Small, Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, James C. Wheat, III, and Joseph E. Wolfe also were present; as were John T. Casteen, III, Leonard W. Sandridge, Jr., Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr., Paul J. Forch, William W. Harmon, Peter W. Low, Ms. Colette Capone, Ernest H. Ern, Robert D. Sweeney, Ms. Polley Ann McClure, Gene D. Block, Robert T. Canevari, Craig Littlepage, Aaron Laushway, Dudley Cabell Vest, Hunter Ferguson, L. Jay Lemons, and Ms. Jeanne Flippo Bailes.

The Chair asked Mr. Harmon, Vice President for Student Affairs, to present the Agenda.

Mr. Harmon reported to the Committee on the University's policy on parental notification where there are major infractions of alcohol and drug rules or evidence of a pattern of substance abuse.

There has been an amendment to the federal laws governing privacy protection which gives colleges the authority to notify parents of underage students who violate the alcohol or drug laws. Taking into account these changes, the University has adopted a policy on parental notification. In cases where the civil authorities notify the University that a student has been arrested during the academic session for a drug or alcohol violation, the Office of the Dean of Students will notify the parents. All other drug or alcohol related incidents will be discussed with the student involved. If there is reason to believe that the student's health and well being are in jeopardy, the student's parents will be notified.

Mr. Harmon emphasized that each case will be considered on its merits in determining whether or not parents will be notified.

Mr. Harmon then asked Mr. Robert Canevari, Dean of Students, to report on the deferral of fraternity and sorority rush to second semester. This policy went into effect this academic year.

Mr. Canevari said the comments from Resident Staff in the first year dormitories has been very positive. The deferral of rush has allowed first year students to make a much easier adjustment to life at the University and to become involved in a variety of activities. Anecdotal

evidence from faculty advisers suggests that first year students have had fewer academic difficulties during their first semester. There is evidence from Student Health that there have been fewer medical emergencies involving first year students.

There have been additional, secondary, benefits: the focus on fraternities and sororities because of second semester rush seems to have encouraged more alumni interest in the houses, and the Faculty Fellows program has been rejuvenated and shows promise. Although it cannot be attributed directly to the change in rush rules, Mr. Canevari noted that this year there has been much greater participation by fraternity and sorority members in student life outside the Greek system. More and more fraternity and sorority members have stood for election to positions in University-wide organizations, and have won. There has been increased responsibility on the part of the houses in obeying the rules governing the use of alcohol.

Dr. Caravati asked if deferred rush has affected the numbers of first year students rushing and pledging fraternities and sororities. Mr. Canevari replied that although the official IFC/ISC figures are not yet available, the number of women rushing and pledging sororities appears to be up. More men rushed fraternities this year than last, but fewer pledged.

The Chair thanked Mr. Canevari for his report and for his years of devoted service to the University. Dr. Caravati seconded his remarks.

Mr. Harmon introduced Mr. Cabell Vest, the outgoing Chair of the Honor Committee, and Mr. Hunter Ferguson, the incoming Chair, and asked them to report on the Committee's activities. The Chair expressed his thanks to Mr. Vest and to the outgoing Honor Committee for the work they have done this year.

Mr. Vest outlined briefly the work the Committee has done on revising its Constitution and By-Laws and said the incoming Committee will continue this work. The Committee this year cleared from its docket all cases over one year old.

He then introduced Mr. Hunter Ferguson, the new Chair, who with his colleagues on the new Committee will take office on April 4th.

Finally, Mr. Harmon introduced Mr. Craig Littlepage, Senior Associate Director of Athletics, and asked him to give a brief report on spring sports.

Members asked Mr. Littlepage questions about eligibility and recruiting.

The Rector thanked the Chair for his work with the Honor Committee during the past year. He also commended the work of the Greer Committee: Messrs. Greer, Ross and Warthen.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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- Dr. Robert W. Cantrell
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