STATEMENT BY THE RECTOR

The Rector read the following statement, adopted by the Board by resolution:

The Board of Visitors unanimously endorses the University's continuing commitment to recruiting and enrolling students of diverse talents and backgrounds. It also supports the changes made by the President in the University's undergraduate admission system. The admission system considers each applicant on the basis of his or her merits, in an equitable manner, and in accordance with law.

Every student admitted under our policies is qualified to attend. Each one deserves the finest education we can offer. By any measure, the University boasts one of the strongest student bodies in American higher education. Its students graduate on-time and on-track at higher rates than those at all but a handful of institutions. The academic successes of its African-American and other minority students are the envy of every major university. The system works. We are prepared to defend it.

Cultivating diversity within the University community takes commitment, but brings indisputable benefits. The Board and the administration consider maintaining diversity a top priority now and in the years to come.