MEMORANDUM

TO: The Educational Policy Committee and the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

T. Keister Greer, Chair, Educational Policy Committee
Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Chair, Student Affairs & Athletics Committee
Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D.
Charles L. Glazer
Elsie Goodwyn Holland
Stephen S. Phelan, Jr.
Elizabeth A. Twohy
Benjamin P.A. Warthen
Joseph E. Wolfe
John P. Ackerly, III, Ex Officio

and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

Thomas J. Bliley, Jr. Timothy B. Robertson
William G. Crutchfield, Jr. Terence P. Ross
Thomas F. Farrell, II Thomas A. Saunders, III
William H. Goodwin, Jr.

FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Educational Policy Committee and the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee on April 6, 2001

The Educational Policy and Student Affairs and Athletics Committees met in joint and Open Session at 11:05 a.m., Friday, April 6, 2001, in the Board Room of the Rotunda; the Rector, John P. Ackerly, III, presided. T. Keister Greer, Mrs. Elsie Goodwyn Holland, Stephen S. Phelan, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth A. Twohy, Joseph E. Wolfe,
Joint Meeting of the Educational Policy and the Student Affairs and Athletics Committees – April 6, 2001 – 2.

Gordon F. Rainey, Jr., Charles M. Caravati, Jr., M.D., Charles L. Glazer and Benjamin P.A. Warthen were present.

Also present were Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., William H. Goodwin, Jr., Timothy B. Robertson, Terence P. Ross, and Thomas A. Saunders, III.

Ms. Sasha L. Wilson, the Student Member-elect, also was present.


At the Rector’s request, the President gave an overview of the work of the 2020 Commissions and the schedule for the completion and implementation of their reports.

Members expressed concerns about approving the reports of the Commissions at this Board meeting; the consensus was that the Board wanted time to study the recommendations of the Commissions and to discuss them before giving an approval. Mr. Ross suggested that the Board give a formal acceptance of the reports but not an approval without further discussion and study.

Ms. Carolyn Callahan, Professor of Education and Chair of the Virginia 2020 Strategic Planning Task Force for the Department of Athletics, gave a presentation on the Task Force’s report (copies of the report having been distributed to Members before the meeting).

The Rector recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and resumed it at 1:20 p.m.

Departing from the Agenda for a moment, the Rector reminded the Board that he had received a request from the Prime Minister-in-exile of Burma asking the Board to support a Unocal stockholder’s resolution to withdraw the company from doing business in Burma. The Rector said he
Joint Meeting of the Educational Policy and the Student Affairs and Athletics Committees - April 6, 2001

had declined to support the request, primarily on the grounds that it had nothing to do with the mission of the University. Since he received the request from the Prime Minister, however, the Student Council had passed a resolution calling on the University to divest its holdings in Unocal; he said he believed that a request from Council deserved consideration by the Board. Accordingly, he asked Mr. Bliley to study the matter and report back to the Board with a recommendation.

The extensive discussion of the report by Members with Ms. Callahan, begun before lunch, continued.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Goodwin offered a revised resolution by which the Board noted that it had received but not yet approved the reports of the 2020 Commissions. Mr. Greer said he could support the resolution as it concerned the reports of the first four commissions, but that he was opposed to the report of the Athletics Commission. Thus, the vote on the resolution offered by Mr. Goodwin was 15 for, 1 against. (See the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Visitors, April 7, 2001, for the text of the resolution.)

In closing, the Rector thanked Ms. Callahan and Mr. Holland, the Director of Athletics, for their work and the work of their colleagues on the Commission.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

AGG:lah
Copies to:  Mr. John T. Casteen, III
          Mr. Gene D. Block
          Dr. Robert W. Cantrell
          Mr. George E. Culbertson
          Ms. Louise Dudley
          Mr. Paul J. Forch
          Mr. William W. Harmon
          Mr. Terry Holland
          Mr. Peter W. Low
          Dr. Robert E. Reynolds
          Mr. Leonard W. Sandridge
          Ms. Colette Sheehy
          Mr. Robert D. Sweeney
          Ms. Sasha L. Wilson