MEMORANDUM

TO: The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee:

Thomas F. Farrell, II, Chair
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and

The Remaining Members of the Board:

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FROM: Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

SUBJECT: Report on the Meeting of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee on May 21, 2003

The Student Affairs and Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia met, in Open Session, at 2:15 p.m., on Friday, May 30, 2003, in the East Oval Room of the Rotunda; Thomas F. Farrell, II, Vice Rector and Chair, presided.

All Members of the Board of Visitors were present.

Following the new format for the conduct of Board meetings, most of the Chair’s presentation was devoted to a report on the meeting of the Committee which was held on May 21st in Richmond. (See the Minutes of that meeting.) The Committee, he said, had discussions led by the Vice President for Student Affairs and by the Director of Athletics on priorities. For Student Affairs, the priorities were listed as “The Student Experience;” space
planning and expansion to support the student experience; funding to ensure the financial resources framework for the student experience; and refinement of policies, procedures, and communication to manage crisis situations. Athletics' priorities included the integrity of student-athletes and all constituent groups, including coaches, University staff, Department of Athletics personnel and alumni; and finances – funding and expectations.

The Director of Athletics also reported on the recently completed review of academic services for student-athletes.

The Chair then asked Mr. Littlepage, Director of Athletics, to report on a recent survey of academic advising of athletes, conducting by a visiting committee.

Mr. Littlepage reviewed some of the procedures followed by the visiting committee and the conclusions reached.

Finally, the Chair asked the President to report on the negotiations underway to expand the Atlantic Coast Conference. The President noted previous expansions of the ACC – Florida State University in 1991 and Georgia Tech in the 1980’s – and said that on a previous occasion he had introduced a resolution to ask Virginia Tech to join, but that his resolution had not been seconded. He outlined the reasons for wanting Virginia Tech to be a member, reasons that would be of benefit to the state as well as to the University.

Several Members said they thought the Board should have been involved in these discussions.

On motion, the Board accepted the report of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.