UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE
STUDENT AFFAIRS AND
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
April 16, 2004
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Friday, April 16, 2004
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Kaleidoscope Center, Newcomb Hall

Committee Members:
Thomas F. Farrell, II, Chair
Susan Y. Dorsey
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AGENDA

I. REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS
   (Ms. Lampkin)
   A. Vice President’s Remarks
   B. Kaleidoscope Center (Ms. Lampkin to introduce
      Ms. Shamim Sisson; Ms. Sisson to report)

II. REPORT ON UNIVERSITY HOUSING (Mr. Sandridge to
    report)

III. REPORT BY THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR (Mr. Littlepage)
    • Recruiting Visits for Prospective
      Student-Athletes
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COMMITTEE: Student Affairs and Athletics

AGENDA ITEM: I.A. Vice President’s Remarks

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: The Vice President for Student Affairs will report on items of interest to the Committee.
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AGENDA ITEM: I.B. Kaleidoscope Center

ACTION REQUIRED: None

DISCUSSION: Ms. Shamim Sisson, Senior Associate Dean of Students, will report on the establishment and usage of the Kaleidoscope Center for Cultural Fluency in Newcomb Hall. Ms. Sisson chairs the center’s advisory committee, which was charged with planning the new center and with overseeing its programming.

The Kaleidoscope Center opened on February 26, 2004, in a previously underutilized informal lounge on the third floor of Newcomb Hall. For a number of years, various members of the University community expressed interest in identifying a place that would encourage intercultural discourse among students and faculty of all backgrounds. The Class of 1996 decided to give its class gift in support of a center for cultural fluency. The desire for a center was reinforced by a task force in 1997-98. In 2002-2003, the Minority Rights Coalition proposed the renovation of Newcomb’s informal lounge to create a resource center that would serve as a dedicated space where groups and individuals could explore differences and commonalities and where knowledge and understanding might influence University life as a whole.
Mr. Sandridge addressed the Committee on this topic at its January 16th meeting. He cited the need to replace or rehabilitate student and faculty housing over the next two decades, with the ensuing opportunity to consider new models, such as apartment-type facilities that would bring faculty, staff, graduate students and undergraduates together, along with the more traditional upperclass and special purpose/theme-based housing. Mr. Sandridge, the Provost, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the residential life staff and those responsible for operating the housing system continue to study the key program opportunities related to such models and the financial feasibility of various strategies.
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AGENDA ITEM: III. Report by the Athletics Director  
ACTION REQUIRED: None  

DISCUSSION: Mr. Craig Littlepage, Director of Athletics, will review the University’s processes in recruiting prospective student-athletes and steps that are taken to ensure student welfare, compliance, and integrity during visits to the University of Virginia.

Colleges and universities have recently come under scrutiny for lax and questionable recruitment practices of prospective student-athletes. While many of the issues involve the recruitment practices of major college football programs, the University of Virginia’s Department of Athletics will conduct a thorough review of all sports’ recruiting activities.

The Director of Athletics will report on the activities of the NCAA Task Force on Recruiting, whose chair, David Berst (NCAA Vice President for Division I), recently testified before a congressional subcommittee. The Task Force will study recruiting practices nationally and consider if new policies, procedures, or NCAA legislation are warranted. The NCAA Task Force is expected to file its initial report by late April.