UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF VISITORS
MEETING OF THE
STUDENT AFFAIRS AND
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
September 10, 2004
STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Friday, September 10, 2004
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Development Office Conference Rooms A and B
400 Ray C. Hunt Drive
Fontaine Avenue

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

I. REPORT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS  1
(Ms. Lampkin)
• Student Behavior

II. REPORT BY THE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR (Mr. Littlepage)  2
• Recruitment of Student-Athletes

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION
• To evaluate and discuss with legal counsel specific and individual student disciplinary cases. Code of Virginia 2.2-3711 (2) and (7).
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BOARD MEETING: September 10, 2004

COMMITTEE: Student Affairs and Athletics

AGENDA ITEM: I. Report by the Vice President for Student Affairs

ACTION REQUIRED: None

BACKGROUND: At the May 25, 2004, meeting of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee, Ms. Patricia M. Lampkin, Vice President for Student Affairs, reported on evidence that physical violence among students, both nationally and at the University of Virginia, may be increasing. While occurrences of violent behavior are very low at the University, even one instance of violence among students poses major implications for the safety and well-being of the University community.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Lampkin will elaborate on national data suggesting the increased prevalence of and underlying reasons for student violence and disruptive behavior. Her presentation will include a review of the University’s educational programs, interceptive actions, and student judicial systems that together address physical violence, including sexual assault, among students.
BACKGROUND: At the April 16, 2004, meeting of the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee, Mr. Craig Littlepage, Director of Athletics, gave a presentation on reforms that the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) was considering in the area of institutions’ recruitment of prospective student-athletes. His presentation outlined some of the issues that led to the NCAA studying the national trends in recruitment practices implemented during campus visits. Mr. Littlepage also promised a review of the University of Virginia’s practices, procedures and modifications, where necessary, to conform with institutional expectations and NCAA requirements.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Littlepage will report on NCAA legislative changes announced August 5, 2004. He will also report on the Department of Athletics’ internal review conducted this summer, and some of the ‘best practices’ identified through surveys of peer institutions and roundtable discussions that included University of Virginia student-athletes and coaches.

The NCAA’s Management Council and Board of Directors promptly adopted the recommendations as proposed by the NCAA Task Force on Recruiting. The goal of the adopted legislation is to provide an improved context in which prospective student-athletes visit institutions to consider their academic and athletics future. This improved environment is expected to enable prospects and institutions to make more informed judgments throughout the critical recruiting and decision-making processes.

The NCAA requires each institution to develop a written institutional policy on recruiting and official visits. Institutions have been asked to file their policies with their respective conferences no later than December 1, 2004.