

VCU Board of Visitors

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August 12, 2009 Meeting of the Student Affairs Committee

A meeting of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in the Richmond Salons 3 and 4 located in the University Student Commons at 907 Floyd Avenue.

Present were Drs. Doswell (Chair), Broaddus and Shapiro; Messrs. McCandlish, Morse and Robertson; and Mesdames Lambert and Rhodes (Rector). Also present were Dr. Rao, Corey, Gottfredson, Huff, Klink, Macrina, Marolla, Moriarty, Parmley, Peoples, Rankin, Retchin, Rhone, Rodriquez, and Sarrett; Messrs. Bennett, Bunce, Gresham, Jez and Ohlinger; and Mesdames Abernethy, Atkinson, Bishop, Covington, Harris, Reynolds, Stillman and Taylor.

Dr. Doswell called the meeting to order and on motion made and seconded, the Minutes of a Meeting held May 14, 2009, were approved.

The report of the Student Representative was presented for information. Mr. Jason (J.T.) Stranix, the alternate student representative to the Board of Visitors, reported on issues of interest and concerns to the students. The issues included: transportation, parking, escort service, dining services, day care, football, health care, graduate advising and class sizes, honor system, graduate student organizational funding and the Monroe Park Campus SGA Constitution.

The Rules and Procedure Annual Report was presented for information. The VCU Rules and Procedures governs the conduct of all VCU students, both on and off campus. Each year, an annual report for Rules and Procedures is presented to the Board of Visitors. The Associate Vice Provost and Dean for Student Affairs presented the report.

The New Student Orientation was presented for information by the Vice provost for instruction and acting dean University College. The Orientation provides incoming students and their families with a structured, comprehensive introduction to VCU. The new student orientation took place between June 11 and July 21, 2009.

The Honor System Annual Report was presented for information. The VCU Honor System, approved by the Board of Visitors in 1991, charges the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs with reporting annually to the Board of Visitors on the status of academic integrity on the two campuses. The Associate Vice Provost and Dean for Student Affairs presented the report. A total of 250 cases were heard by the Office of Judicial Affairs and Academic Integrity for student violations of the VCU Honor System

during the academic year. The number represented an increase of 58 from the 192 cases the previous year.

A report on Student Athlete Advising was presented. Student Athlete Advising assists students in the development of educational plans to help the students successfully complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree by ensuring that university policies and NCAA academic rules and regulations are followed. The Vice Provost for Instruction and Acting Dean for the University College presented the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.