

WILLIAM & MARY

BOARD OF VISITORS
COMMITTEE ON THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE
DRAFT MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2024
GRIMSLEY BOARD ROOM – BLOW MEMORIAL HALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr., Chair
Ms. Laura Keehner Rigas, Vice Chair
Ms. AnnaMaria DeSalva
Mr. Stephen J. Huebner
Hon. John E. Littel

Hon. Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
Mr. J.E. Lincoln Saunders
Dr. Aaron Griffith, Faculty Representative
Mr. Max Beers, Student Representative

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. S. Douglas Bunch
Ms. Cynthia E. Hudson
Ms. Barbara L. Johnson
Mr. Charles E. Poston, Rector
Mr. John P. Rathbone

Ms. Ardine Williams
Ms. Sydney E. Thayer, Student Representative
Dr. David S. Armstrong, Faculty Representative
Dr. Taylor V. Brings, Staff Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President
Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost
Ms. Carrie S. Nee, University Council
Dr. Virginia M. Ambler, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Public Safety
Mr. Donald Butler, Chief of Police
Dr. Matthew T. Lambert, Senior Vice President for University Advancement
Mr. Brian Mann, Director of Athletics
Dr. Jeremy P. Martin, Vice President for Strategy & Innovation
Mr. Brian Whitson, Chief Communications Officer
Ms. Terra Sloane, 2024-2025 Student Assembly President
Mr. Michael J. Fox, Senior Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Visitors
Ms. Lisa Garrett, Executive Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Public Safety
Ms. Jessica Walton, Deputy Secretary to the Board of Visitors
Members of the President's Cabinet
W&M Faculty, Staff and Students

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr. called the Committee for the Student Experience to order at 4:31 p.m. and provided an overview of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recognizing that a quorum was present, Mr. Ashton asked for a motion to approve the February 8, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Stephen J. Huebner, seconded by Ms. Laura Rigas and approved by voice vote.

STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT

Dr. Virginia M. Ambler, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Public, provided an update on the campus climate, specifically as it relates to the crisis in the Middle East, and spoke about activities students are participating in on campus. Dr. Ambler also provided an update on William & Mary's Democracy Initiative, and the Housing & Dining Comprehensive Facilities Plan. She highlighted the West Campus Site, where 900 beds will be constructed as well as a new dining facility, and the Jamestown East Site, home of a new residence hall. Dr. Ambler also showed renderings of the planned pedestrian bridge that will connect the two sides of campus. Lastly, she reminded the Committee of the hard hat tour of Monroe Hall that will take place at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26.

A discussion ensued regarding the Democracy Initiative, the new dining vendor, and opportunities for students to interact with the administration.

Mr. Ashton provided a brief update on Athletics and noted that after a discussion with the Rector there will be an athletics deep dive at the annual Board retreat in July. Mr. Ashton provided a brief overview of the lunch that took place earlier in the day with the full Board, student athletes, coaches and athletics leadership. He highlighted various academic achievements of William & Mary athletes, the recent dedication of the Jill Ellis Field and Goody Tyler Scoreboard at the 1987 Women's Soccer Team Training Center, retirement of Peel Hawthorne, and the William & Mary Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2024. Mr. Ashton also noted the recent hire of Brian Earl, the new coach for men's basketball.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Ashton adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.