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BOARD OF VISITORS  
COMMITTEE ON THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE  
**DRAFT MINUTES**  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2024  
MATOAKA WOODS – SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ms. Laura Keehner Rigas, Chair  
Ms. Jennifer Tepper Mackesy, Vice Chair  
Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr.

Mr. Stephen J. Huebner  
Mr. C. Michael Petters  
Mr. Momen M. Zahid, Student Representative

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Katherine H. Guthrie, Faculty Representative

## **OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. John L. Brownlee  
Ms. AnnaMaria DeSalva  
Ms. Barbara L. Johnson  
Mr. Courtney M. Malveaux

Mr. Charles E. Poston, Rector  
Mr. John P. Rathbone  
Ms. Terra M. Sloane

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Dr. Katherine A. Rowe, President  
Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost  
Dr. Virginia M. Ambler, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Public Safety  
Dr. W. Fanchon Glover, Chief Diversity Officer  
Dr. Matthew T. Lambert, Senior Vice President for University Advancement  
Mr. Brian D. Mann, Director of Athletics  
Dr. Carlane Pittman-Hampton, Chief of Staff  
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**

Ms. Laura Keehner Rigas called the Committee on the Student Experience to order at 1:32 p.m. She recognized the members of the Committee and provided an overview of the agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Recognizing that a quorum was present, Ms. Rigas asked for a motion to approve the April 25, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was made by Mr. C. Michael Petters, seconded by Mr. Stephen J. Huebner and approved by voice vote.

Ms. Rigas asked Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr., Chair of the Committee on Institutional Advancement, to provide a brief overview of the strategic planning effort being led by his Committee. Mr. Ashton

provided a high-level overview of the plan for the 2024-2025 academic year and noted that the plan was initiated at the request of the Rector and President following the Board Retreat. The Committee on the Student Experience will be engaged in the planning process.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS REPORT**

Dr. Virginia M. Ambler, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs & Public Safety, provided an update on the following Key Performance Indicators (KPIs): Student Engagement with Academic Support Resources; and Student Engagement with Health & Wellness Resources. She noted that Care Concern submissions have decreased. Lastly, Dr. Ambler gave an update on the Democracy Initiative and highlighted recent events associated with the Initiative.

### **COLLEGE ATHLETICS REPORT**

Mr. Brian D. Mann, Director of Athletics, introduced several members of the Athletics staff that were present, highlighted the success of several athletics teams, and noted student engagement on campus and in the community. He highlighted the recent William & Mary Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony and announced that the 2025 Induction Ceremony will take place on May 10, 2025. Mr. Mann spoke about the social impact of student-athletes; noted the contract extension of Erin Dickerson (Head Coach of the Women's Basketball Team); and gave an update on the academic success of student-athletes. He spoke about the pending House v. NCAA outcome and how it is expected to affect college athletics.

A discussion ensued regarding how William & Mary Athletics can help the university achieve national preeminence, attract and retain the best and brightest in the nation, and evolve to compete and win in an ever-changing environment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Ms. Rigas adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.