

WILLIAM & MARY

BOARD OF VISITORS
COMMITTEE ON THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE
DRAFT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2023
ALAN B. MILLER HALL – BRINKLEY COMMONS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr., Chair
Dr. Karen Kennedy Schultz, Vice Chair
Ms. AnnaMaria DeSalva
Mr. Stephen J. Huebner

Ms. Laura Keehner Rigas
Mr. J.E. Lincoln Saunders
Mr. Joshua D. Ramdass, Student Representative

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Marc Sher, Faculty Representative

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. S. Douglas Bunch
Mr. James A. Hixon
Ms. Cynthia E. Hudson
Ms. Barbara L. Johnson

Hon. John E. Littel
Mr. C. Michael Petters
Hon. Charles E. Poston, Rector
Mr. John P. Rathbone

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Peggy Agouris, Provost
Ms. Jackie Ferree, Interim Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Carrie Nee, University Counsel
Dr. Virginia M. Ambler, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Kelly Crace, Associate Vice President for Health and Wellness
Dr. Deborah Cheesebro, AVP for Public Safety and Chief of Police
Mr. Greg Henderson, Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief of Staff
Mr. Kent Erdahl, Director of Internal Audit
Ms. Lisa Garrett, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. Michael J. Fox, Secretary to the Board of Visitors
Ms. Jessica Walton, Deputy Secretary to the Board of Visitors
Members of the President's Cabinet

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Mr. Kendrick F. Ashton, Jr., Chair, called the Committee on the Student Experience to order at 11:14 a.m. and welcomed new Board and committee member Ms. AnnaMaria DeSalva.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recognizing that a quorum was present, Mr. Ashton asked for a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 18, 2021 and September 22, 2022 meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Stephen J. Huebner, seconded by Ms. Laura Keehner Rigas, and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Ashton provided an overview of the agenda and spoke briefly about William & Mary's commitment to mental health. He added that there is an intense focus on mental health at the state level as well. Lastly, Mr. Ashton announced that William & Mary will host a statewide Mental Health Forum on March 29.

MENTAL HEALTH ON CAMPUS

Dr. Virginia M. Ambler, Vice President for Student Affairs, provided a high-level overview of William & Mary's efforts over the past decade to create a comprehensive and robust approach to student wellbeing, particularly mental health. Dr. Ambler said that since the pandemic mental health is a societal concern and is consistently ranked a top concern on campuses across the Commonwealth and nation.

Dr. Ambler introduced Dr. Kelly Crace, Associate Vice President for Health and Wellness. Dr. Crace gave a presentation entitled The Pursuit of Calm: The Mental Health Landscape of the Pandemic-Endemic Era. Dr. Crace provided an overview of what William & Mary is doing to address mental health and how it relates to flourishing, stress, and strain among student, faculty, and staff.

A conversation with Board members ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Ashton adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.