

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE Minutes

Friday, October 11, 2024 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)

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Members Present: Dan Thorpe, Alex Efird, Eric Martin, Joe Tront, John Galbraith, Jen Irish, Lisa Karlisch, Phil Miskovic, Rachel Holloway, Robin Queen, Brent Kremer, Chris Wise, Ken Stiles

Absent: Amy Ingram, Simon Allen, Paul Knox, Dirk Buengel, Travis Burns, Whit Babcock, Mark Feldman, Leanna House, Liesel Ritchie, Brad Whitney, Brad Wurthman.

Guests: Reyna Gilbert-Lowry, Sarah Anderson, Danny White

1. Approval of Agenda. Group

2. Electronic Approval of Sept 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Posted on the Governance web page (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>). Galbraith

3. Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Update. Jen Irish

Jen identified the role of the FAR. Reported that a settlement in the House v NCAA has preliminary approval. This was discussed at the previous meeting by Whit. She shared two article links: [Article 1](#) and [Article 2](#). She said the settlement would lead to significant transformation in collegiate athletics, and significant financial implications for our Athletics Department and the university, Title IX implications, among others. The settlement may encourage [even more transferring](#) than we have now.

There are some edits needed to the Student-Athlete Monitoring and Assistance Program (SAMAP) [Policy 1036 document](#). The language needs to be updated since the relaxation of the NCAA ban on cannabis. There may still be concerns for the effects of marijuana (THC) use on the mental health and performance of student-athletes. There is currently an upper limit of 150ng/mL THC for screening and confirmation sensitivity testing. These are the same limits for general students. Our drug policy is more restrictive than the NCAA policy. Jen asked for edits and comments on our policy 1036 to be sent back to her using track changes by the end of the month on a copy that was sent out to the entire committee.

4. Athletic Director Update. White

The House v NCAA case will continue to move forward but there will be four or more cases filed against approval of the settlement. The settlement will not likely be approved until next April, leaving only three months to apply the terms and comply with the conditions. The two biggest factors of the settlement are roster sizes and the number of scholarships per sport. All student athletes can be on aid at some level. Current student athletes are not sure of what the implications will be for them. Reducing the number of sports teams is not under discussion.

Danny asked that committee members inform their represented faculty and staff about free basketball tickets. Below are the dates for which faculty and staff can claim a ticket for a men's and women's basketball games this season.

The claim process will be same as last year: up to two tickets (per ID), up to four IDs presentable per person, at the Cassell Coliseum Will Call window on gameday, starting 90 minutes prior to tipoff. Ticket availability is limited, based on the inventory we have, so tickets are claimed on a first-come, first-served basis. Communication will go out via email (by our digital team) and campus email/social (POC: Brain Cox).

Dates

Sat Nov 23: WB vs. Elon
 Thu Dec 12: MB vs. NC A&T
 Sun Dec 15: WB vs. Radford, MB vs. Navy
 Sat Dec 21: WB vs. Campbell
 Thu Jan 2: WB vs. Florida State
 Sat Jan 4: MB vs. Miami
 Wed Jan 15: MB vs. NC State

5. **Student-Athletic Academic Support Services (SAASS) Update.** Armstrong
 Sarah gave a presentation (attached) about NCAA Continuing Eligibility and progress towards degree. The details are contained in her slideset. Our GPA requirements are more restrictive than the NCAA requirements.
6. **Guest Presentation:** An overview of the ACC Fall meetings Reyna Gilbert-Lowry
 Reyna spoke about her position as Associate Executive Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator (SWA). She gave a presentation (attached) about SWA priorities and a preview of the October 14-15th ACC Meetings.
7. **Future meetings schedule.** Thursday, December 12th meeting date was confirmed.
8. **Adjourned at 4:55pm.**

Upcoming Fall 2024 UAC Meeting Schedule

Thursday, November 14th – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (In-person, location: 5th floor dining area, Lane Stadium north tower entrance)

Thursday, December 12th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Virtual Only)

Proposed Spring 2025 UAC Meeting Schedule

Jan 16th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (In-person, location: 5th floor dining area, Lane Stadium north tower entrance)

Feb 13th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Virtual Only)

March 20th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (In-person, location: 5th floor dining area, Lane Stadium north tower entrance)

April 17th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Virtual Only)

May 7th (if needed) – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (In-person, location: 5th floor dining area, Lane Stadium north tower entrance)

