

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2023 (3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)
Virtual Only - Zoom

Members Present: Whit Babcock, Travis Burns, John Galbraith, Dan Givens, Rachel Holloway, Amy Ingram, Jen Irish, Lisa Karlisch, Ken Miller, Phil Miskovic, Miguel Perez (for Robin Queen), Jim Petrine, Liesel Ritchie, Susan Short, Kenneth Stiles, David Tegarden, Dan Thorp

Absent: CJ Barreiro, Erin Carleton, Mark Feldmann, Leanna House, Eric Stanley, Frank Thompson, Joe Tront, Chris Wise, Brad Wurthman

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

Susan Short called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of September 14, 2023

Susan Short noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the Web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>).

3. Faculty Athletics Representative Update – Jen Irish, university FAR, shared information related to the ACC Fall Governance meeting (scheduled for next week), graduate certificate approval in relationship to scholarship athletes, and requested faculty representatives on the Academic Success Sub-Committee. The committee appointed John Galbraith and Liesel Ritchie as sub-committee members. Jen will convene the group as needed.

4. Guest Presentation: SWA Update – Reyna Gilbert-Lowry, executive associate athletics director/inclusive excellence and alumni engagement, provided an overview of ACC priorities, equity, student athlete experience, conference expansion, and staff development and retention (slide deck attached).

5. SAASS Update – Sarah Armstrong, Student Athlete Academic Support Services director, provided information related to spring 2023 academic performance, a profile of incoming student-athletes, degree program enrollments, new staff members, and recognition of AD Honor Roll recipients (slide deck attached).

6. Athletic Director Update – Whit Babcock, director of athletics provided the following updates:

- NCAA Legislation (NIL, transfer portal windows, lawsuits, revenue sharing with athletes)
- Research demands on student-athletes (e.g., prevalence of requests, helmet/concussion lab, monitoring). Whit indicated there were about 10-15 requests per year and university/NCAA protocols are followed.

7. Susan reminded the group that we will meet in-person on November 9th for our next UAC gathering. The location will be provided in the near future. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

2023-24 University Athletics Committee Fall Semester Meeting Schedule

Thursday, **November 9th** – **3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** (In-person, location: TBD)

Thursday, **December 14th** – **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (Virtual Only)



The Senior Woman Administrator Designation

What is the SWA?

The senior woman administrator (SWA) is the highest-ranking female involved in the management of an institution's intercollegiate athletics program. The intent of the SWA designation is to promote meaningful representation of women in the leadership and management of college sports.



- Senior **Woman** Administrator
- Highest-ranking woman
- Provides leadership to men's and women's sports and issues
- Designation - a leadership role



- Senior **Women's** Administrator
- Longest-serving or oldest woman
- Leads only women's sports and gender equity
- Position - a job with specific responsibilities



SWA Priorities

- **Olympic Sports**
- **Scheduling**
- **ACC Network / TV exposure**
- **Sport Committees**

ACC Men's and Women' Soccer Championship Manual – Championship Bench Limits

Recommendation. To mirror the current NCAA bench limit policy where each team's roster will be allowed in the bench/sideline area. In addition to the entire roster, each team is allowed up to 12 additional nonstudent-athletes. A team's administrator and medical personnel must be included in the 12.

Rationale. Currently the ACC has a 37-person bench limit for both men's and women's soccer championships. The ACC generally adopts bench limit policies similar to the NCAA for the ACC Championship. This policy would allow all student-athletes to be in the team area and locker room for the entirety of the game.

Budget Impact. Institutional expense if a school chooses to travel more studentathletes to ACC Championships. This would not change the reimbursement limits for either sport.

Educational Impact. N/A.

Equity Impact. The NCAA has started to go to the model of allowing the entire roster in the bench or dugout areas for multiple sports, plus an additional number for non-studentathletes (soccer (+12), field hockey (+8), lacrosse (+14), and softball (+10) specifically).

Effective Date. 2023-24 Academic Year.



Enhancing the ACC Brand

- **Telling our Story**
- **Unique Value Proposition**



Equity

- ACC Network & Olympic Sports
- 50 years of Title IX
- CORE - Committee on Racial Equality
- NIL Resources



Student-Athlete Experience

- **Competitive Excellence**
- **Mental Health**
- **Student Well-Being**



Staff Development & Retention

- Professional Development
- Inclusion and Belonging
- Work Life Balance



Conference Expansion

Guidelines

- **Limit the number of times current ACC schools travel west each year;**
- **Mirror current conference scheduling models and number of conference contests,**
- **Expansion Planning: Regular Season and Post-Season Olympic**



Conference Expansion

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time (ET)</u>	<u>Required Attendees</u>
Thursday	14-Sep	11:00 AM	SWAs
Monday	18-Sep	6:00 PM	Volleyball Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Monday	18-Sep	7:00 PM	Field Hockey Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Wednesday	20-Sep	6:00 PM	Gymnastics Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Thursday	21-Sep	11:00 AM	SWAs
Monday	25-Sep	4:00 PM	Women's Soccer Coaches & Committee Officers
Monday	25-Sep	6:00 PM	Women's Soccer Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Monday	25-Sep	7:00 PM	Men's Soccer Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Tuesday	26-Sep	11:00 AM	Field Hockey Coaches & Committee Officers
Tuesday	26-Sep	3:00 PM	Volleyball Coaches & Committee Officers
Tuesday	26-Sep	6:00 PM	Women's Lacrosse Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Tuesday	26-Sep	7:00 PM	Wrestling Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Wednesday	27-Sep	11:00 AM	Men's Soccer Coaches & Committee Officers
Thursday	28-Sep	11:00 AM	SWAs
Monday	2-Oct	4:00 PM	Gymnastics Coaches & Committee Officers
Monday	2-Oct	6:00 PM	Softball Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Monday	2-Oct	7:00 PM	Baseball Student-Athlete Advisory Group
Tuesday	3-Oct	11:00 AM	Women's Lacrosse Coaches & Committee Officers
Tuesday	3-Oct	6:00 PM	Women's Tennis Student-Athlete Advisory Group



Questions?

SAASS ACADEMIC UPDATES

October 12, 2023



3.24*
SEMESTER & OVERALL
GPA

HIGHEST TEAM GPAS

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|------------------|------------------|
| Women's: | Men's: |
| 1. Cross Country | 1. Golf |
| 2. Lacrosse | 2. Tennis |
| 3. Swim & Dive | 3. Cross Country |



Student-Athletes made
A.D. Honor Roll
(3.0 or better)



55*
Student-Athletes
earned a
perfect 4.0 GPA



STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO...



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|--------------------------------------|---|------------|
| MAINTAINED A
3.0 OR BETTER GPA | → | 410 |
| MADE DEAN'S LIST
(3.40 or better) | → | 243 |
| MAINTAINED A
PERFECT 4.0 GPA | → | 15 |

VT STUDENT-ATHLETE
ACADEMIC SUPPORT
SERVICES

**ACADEMIC
SUCCESS
HIGHLIGHTS**

SPRING 2023



* = designates
Program BEST

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SPRING 2023

Semester GPA

- 18 (3.1%) earned under 2.00 GPA
(academic warning)
- 49 (8.6%) earned between 2.00-2.49
GPA

Overall GPA

- 6 (1%) earned under 2.00 GPA
(academic probation)
- 27 (4.7%) earned between 2.00-2.49

Summer Enrollment Needs

- 12 needed summer for NCAA Continuing Eligibility
- 6 needed summer for deficient transfer hours (catch up)
- 5 needed summer for major changes(catch up)

Comparison of Cumulative GPA at End of Term by College for Bachelors Degree-Seeking Undergraduate Students

Undergraduate Students: Overall

Student Type ▲	General Students		Student-Atheletes		Total	
College ▲	# of Students	GPA	# of Students	GPA	# of Students	GPA
Agriculture & Life Sciences	2,642	3.17	43	3.43	2,685	3.17
Architecture, Arts, & Design	1,445	3.44	8	3.53	1,453	3.44
Business (Pamplin)	5,268	3.18	119	3.23	5,387	3.18
Engineering	9,225	3.17	53	3.37	9,278	3.17
InterCollege	188	2.90	11	3.26	199	2.92
Liberal Arts & Human Sciences	4,014	3.26	205	3.10	4,219	3.25
Natural Resources & Environment	931	3.09	6	2.76	937	3.09
Science	4,539	3.15	42	3.30	4,581	3.15
Veterinary Medicine	298	3.19	31	3.19	329	3.19
Total	28,550	3.19	518	3.21	29,068	3.19



FALL 2023

INCOMING STUDENT-ATHLETE POPULATION

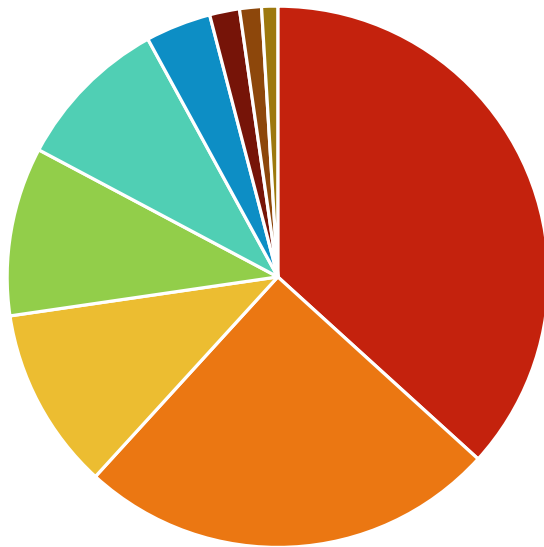
Total: 198 student-athletes

- 67 Summer Entry; 129 Fall Entry
- 63 Majors; all 8 Colleges
- 19 Internationals
- 153 Freshman; 45 Transfers
 - 23 Undergraduate transfers
 - 2 Graduate – UG transfers
 - 20 Graduate School transfers



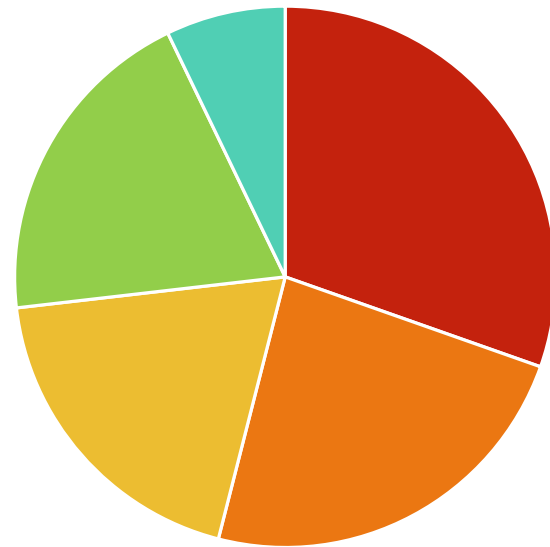
CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment by College



■ CLAHS ■ PCOB ■ CALs ■ COE ■ COS ■ Vet Med ■ CAAD ■ Inter ■ CNRE

Year in College (credits)



■ Freshman ■ Sophomore ■ Junior ■ Senior ■ Masters

NEW SAASS STAFF MEMBERS



MEGAN
PICKETT

- Football
- Spirit Squads



SARAH
WATTENBERG

- Tutor Coordinator

*Save
the
Date*

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**



PRESENTED BY:

VIRGINIA TECH.
STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC
SUPPORT SERVICES

AD HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION

**FOOTBALL VS. PITT
KICKOFF: TBD
CELEBRATION AT HALFTIME**