

MINUTES

University Athletics Committee May 14, 2026 3:30 pm Virtual

Present: Brad Wurthman (presiding for Jennifer Irish), Angela Page (for Simon Allen), Chris Wise, Jill Sible, Jane West, David Knight, Gina Seeborn, Alexis Henderson, Angela Anderson, Irene Leech, Robin Queen, Mark Feldman, Eric Martin, Dan Thorp, Marlena Lester (for A/P Faculty Senate), Amy Ingram, Katherine Lemke, David Stanford, Phil Miskovic

Absent with Notice: Jennifer Irish, Whit Babcock, Lisa Karlisch, Dirk Buengel

Absent: Joseph Tront, Kenneth Stiles, Travis Burns, Joseph Lee

Guests: Les Myers, Bridget Brugger McSorley, Chris Helms

Brad Wurthman called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 23, 2023.

Wurthman noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Website: governance.vt.edu

3. New Business

Policy 1036 Revisions

Chris Helms presented Policy 1036, Student-Athlete Monitoring and Assistance Program (SAMAP), for first reading. The policy was rewritten to simplify and clarify the document, align drug testing policies, and separate NCAA and institutional testing. An additional positive THC test was added before loss of competition begins. A progressive penalty system was implemented that increases with each positive drug test. The policy now includes enhanced education for student-athletes about substance use consequences and expanded care and therapy options for those who test positive. Feedback was provided by UAC members to make an editorial change to one sentence, for clarity. A motion to approve with the noted editorial change was made and seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Announcements

- Brugger McSorley (for Jennifer Irish) announced that the Athletics Director search is getting under way. As University Athletics Committee (UAC) chair, Irish will serve on the search committee. The university is planning to hire a search firm, who will reach out to key stakeholder groups, including the UAC.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 pm.