

University Athletics Committee Minutes

December 5, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.

230 Student Services Building

- Members Present:** Susan Sumner-Chair, Whit Babcock, Tom Burbey, Nick Woods (for Ken Miller), Sally Morton, Art Keown, Jake Lamparella, Drew Lund, Robert Parker, Jay Poole, Shelly Jobst (for Susan Short), Brian Strahm, Joseph Tront, Clay Word, Katie Boes, Joe Marcy, Kimberly Smith (for Rachel Holloway); Katie Boes; Chris Wise (for Frank Shushok)
- Absent with Notification:** Gordon Bryan, Bob Denton, Rachel Holloway, Michael Nappier, Susan Short
- Absent without Notification:** Sara Jordan, Bill Lansden
- Guests Present:** Sarah Armstrong, Danny White, Caitlyn Nolan
- Recorder:** Anna Taylor, CALS Academic Programs Admin Assistant

Susan Sumner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda, and was passed unanimously.

2. Athletic Director Update – Whit Babcock and Danny White

Presentation (available in committee Google drive)

ACC Bowl selection process – will find out on Sunday, December 8.

38 bowl games – Belk New Year’s Eve at noon is the most likely possibility.

4th annual conference NCAA-DOD grand alliance concussion conference April 23 will be held in Blacksburg.

ACC lifetime policy on concussion - Highest rate of concussions is with women’s soccer, lacrosse or men’s soccer is second.

Joe – ACC is hosting a mental health summit in May 2020. Athletics will send six staff.

Men’s soccer team NCAA update

Exam updates:

Compliance legislation re: weekly hour limitations: 17.1.7.2

Exam schedules: SAASS works with Dr. Holloway to re: exam and competition conflicts.

Capital Campaign update

Fall sports are ending.

*To see highlights and updates on all the teams.

Nothing has changed on the ACC network. UAC is welcome to tour the facility anytime.

3. Communication and Partnership with Athletics in Support of Student Success - Sarah Armstrong, SAASS – presentation (available in committee Google drive)

How the SAASS office communicates on a day to day basis

Academic watch list – one-page report for each team; weekly meetings; frequent communication, emails, texts, study hall visits, holds report, faculty progress report, travel letters, class schedules/practice; uses Navigate

They have 14 full-time staff members; responsibilities are divided by sport teams.

End of term report, notes summary, team grades, individual grades

Is there something we could ask the provost office for to help the SAASS – if we could make a small subcommittee from this group

In addition to VT rules, there are ACC rules for probation/suspension
Bowl games certification for example, grades are out Friday. Sunday will determine Bowl game. Monday next week, she will let the Registrar's Office know. Registrar's Office will work on Saturday to work through the NG, or other grade problems.

Pathways requirements right now, some departments don't have Pathways encoded because they are not required to do so until the 2022 checksheets.

Ineligible – scholarships – all students in her office are treated the same, whether they are full scholarship, partial, or walk on.

Kimberly Smith announced for Rachel Holloway that Sarah Armstrong has been promoted to director.

4. Resolution to Change Membership to the UAC – Second Reading - Susan Sumner

Currently the student membership is for scholarship athletes selected by the athletic director; one for freshman/sophomore level and one for junior/senior level; one-year terms.

This resolution is to change the student membership to any class-level, one student representing a men's sport and one student representing a women's sport appointed by the athletic director. Due to the complexity of student athletes' schedules, it is difficult to get a freshman on the committee. This will give us more capacity to get representation, and experience on student athlete issues.

Susan Sumner reviewed the resolution, Joe Marcy moved motion to accept, and Art Keown seconded.

The committee voted unanimously to accepted the resolution.

*Encourage you to sign up for the Hokie Sports Weekly.