

# University Athletics Committee Minutes

January 31, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.

230 Student Services Building

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| <b>Members Present:</b>             | Susan Sumner, Chair; Whit Babcock, Renee Eaton (for Holly Scoggins), Thomas Mills, Irene Leech, Susan Short, Cameron Jones (for David Case), Rachel Holloway, Art Keown, Paul Winistorfer, Jay Poole, Robert Parker, Timothy Stelter, Joseph Tront, Robin Jones (for Patty Perillo) |
| <b>Absent with Notification:</b>    | Katie Boes, Bill Lansden, Brian Strahm, Debbie Greer (for Dwight Shelton), Steve Trost, Michael Nappier                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Absent without Notification:</b> | Gordon Bryan, Connor Coward, Robena Hughes,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Guests Present:</b>              | Danny White, Tom Gabbard, Derek Gwinn, Matthew Mayotte, Rick Sparks, and Alexis Narducci, intern for the Athletics Department                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Recorder:</b>                    | Anna Taylor, CALS Academic Programs Admin Assistant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

Susan Sumner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

## 1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

## 2. Minutes from December 6, 2018 were approved electronically.

3. **Welcome and introductions** – we have a few guests present to work with the subcommittees. Matthew Mayotte, Director Student Athlete Academic Support Services; Derek Gwinn, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance; Tom Gabbard, Senior Associate AD, Facilities and Operations; and Rick Sparks, Associate Vice Provost and University Registrar.

## 4. Athletics Director Update – Whit Babcock and Danny White

Whit Babcock – discussed several items that are in the news:

- Football scheduling - we have seven home games next fall. The schedule will be placed in the committee Google drive.
- Student transfers – young people leaving Virginia Tech, years ago a student would need permission to leave, now they can let the coach know their intent to leave (even the first day of class) and their scholarship and cost of attendance stays the same. Students who have graduated are immediately eligible, if they transfer before they graduate, they are not immediately eligible. Student athletes are graduating in less than four years. This is also a trend in the general student population.
- The budget is in good shape, we have good fiscal managers. The budget was 98 million and we finished 4.6 in the black.
- In men's basketball, we are currently ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in the country!

Danny White

- Fall grades – with 573 on the roster, 305 have a fall GPA over a 3.0, 180 of these are on dean's list.
- NCAA convention –

- not passed - how universities handle parking for unofficial visits, no free parking for unofficial visits
- passed – provision of Omega 3s as a nutritional supplement
- passed - mandatory mental health offered, and Virginia Tech is well ahead being one of the first to offer mental health services
- Provided a copy of senior staff agenda – very detailed about their day jobs, they usually have a guest speaker. Article – leadership lessons from geese (this will be in the Google drive).
- Men’s basketball – best grades ever, well over a 3.0 (3.22).

Tom Gabbard – February 21-23, Virginia Tech will host ACC Track and Field championship – Virginia Tech is at the top.

## **5. Matthew Mayotte, Director Student Athlete Academic Support Services**

Topic: The process through which coaches identify times they want to reserve for athletic activities as it relates to class scheduling. This is a process internal to Virginia Tech.

Matt provided slides as he explained the process of free time (when a student is not in practice) and course request and how it is tracked in an excel spread sheet and shared with college advisors, etc. The pink form (Free-Time Request Change Form) is due just before course request. After all other possibilities are examined, the coach will sign this form so the student’s free time can be altered. An academic summary page was handed out.

Rachel Holloway explained the data platform, Navigate, which is the university advising tool. Data is fed every night. Anything that SAAS has entered, an academic advisor can see. The name of the SAAS counselor is available, eligibility notes, travel letter, etc.

### **Comments from the committee**

- The academic course schedule is set a year in advance. Is there a way to stream line, simplify this process?
- A huge issue is classroom space.
- Other universities can see the timetables much earlier than we can.
- There are more Free-Time Request Change Forms being processed than in the past and this is becoming a concern.

Rick Sparks, University Registrar, added that they are looking to provide more data up front to departments, so course registration will change. Course request will be phased out. There is no timeline yet for this, but it is something they are working on.

## **6. Subcommittee Work Session**

Individual group discussions.

- Derek Gwinn, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, to work with the Compliance Subcommittee
- Tom Gabbard, Senior Associate AD, Facilities and Operations, to work with the Facilities Subcommittee

## **7. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.