

# University Athletics Committee Minutes

October 4, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.  
230 Student Services Building

<b>Members Present:</b>	Susan Sumner, Chair; Whit Babcock, Bill Lansden, Chris Wise (for Patty Perillo), Debbie Greer (for Dwight Shelton), Joseph Tront, Jay Poole, Holly Scoggins, Thomas Mills, Irene Leech, Brian Strahm, Steve Trost, Terry Swecker (for Katie Boes), Scott Weimer (for Susan Short), Connor Coward, Timothy Stelter, Cassidy Boyes (for David Case)
<b>Absent with Notification:</b>	Rachel Holloway, Paul Winistorfer, Michael Nappier, Robena Hughes
<b>Absent without Notification:</b>	Gordon Bryan; Art Keown, Robert Parker
<b>Guests Present:</b>	Danny White, Sergio Lopez Miro
<b>Recorder:</b>	Anna Taylor, CALS Academic Programs Admin Assistant

Susan Sumner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33pm.

## 1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

## 2. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 20, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Athletics Director Update and Q/A

- Whit Babcock reviewed the FY18 budget summary, showing revenues and expenses.
- He said there is also a 10-year budget projected.
- If the East Carolina game isn't played, people will have an opportunity to get a refund. They will know in the next three weeks about this game.
- Based on the growth in budget from 2005-2017, \$95 million is where we should be in 2019.

## 4. Introduction of Head Swimming and Diving Coach, Sergio Lopez Miro.

Sergio Lopez Miro started working at Virginia Tech in June, 2018. He discussed how he came to be here, starting with when he first came to America as a student swimmer. He has been a coach to high school students and college students. He's had 18 students participate in the Olympics and 14 medalists. He is also an Olympian.

## 5. Update on Action Items from 9-20-18 Meeting

- Holly Scoggins uploaded the annual reports in the Google drive for the subcommittees to review.
- The exact subcommittees and report style are to be determined.
- The Athletics organization chart will be uploaded to the Google drive soon.

## 6. Items for Discussion

### a. Thursday Night Football Game

There was discussion about problems with having a Thursday night football game and classes being taught on Thursday night and Friday morning. The ACC League policy states that there will be at least one Thursday night game. The notifications from Parking Services are helpful to let people know when to move their cars, but it is difficult to get to classes after moving vehicles out of the lots. Some faculty resent the interruption of having a game on a weekday, and the value judgment is that the money we receive from TV is more important than

education. There is also a safety issue if all the buses are basically shut down for five hours, transporting people to and from the game. How are students getting from their apartments to class and back to their apartments after class? This was also a concern with dining (and other staff) who work after 5pm.

**Questions/Statements:**

1. What do we need to let the Registrar's Office know?
2. How do we make up lost class time?
3. We should suggest proposed guidelines for faculty.
4. We could have fall break the Friday after the Thursday game.
5. Contact ACC peers to see how they handle.

**b. What issues do the ACC peers' athletics committees oversee? How do those committees operate?**

Danny White can help facilitate a survey of ACC schools.

**c. Policy 1035 – Student-Athlete Conduct**

A brief discussion about Policy 1035. We will take a vote on proposed changes at the November meeting, then it will go to the BOV. Angie Littlejohn will be at our November meeting to discuss this policy before we vote on it. Please review the document which is in the Google drive. Students can always appeal a conduct issue to administrators.

**d. Policy 1036 – Student-Athlete Substance Abuse**

This policy does not have to go through UAC so we do not vote on this one. This is ready for the BOV meeting and is in the Google drive for review.

**7. Subcommittees**

A brief discussion about whether or not we need different subcommittees and there was discussion about improving student athletes' compliance education. Regarding Title IX, we have talked to the athletic staff, but not the athletes; we would like the athletes' perspective. Let's investigate what our ACC peers are doing. Susan passed around the sign-up sheet for subcommittees in case someone missed it from the last meeting.

**8. Action Items**

- Review Policy 1035. If you have edits to propose, send them to Susan Sumner and she will get them to Angie. There will be a vote on this at the November meeting.
- Contact ACC peers to see what their athletics committees do, and to see what these schools do about weeknight football games.
- Get audit report to review and share with the committee.
- Get Title IX report.
- Debbie Greer will take our concerns about transportation and parking issues related to Thursday game night to the Transportation and Parking Committee.

**9. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.