

University Athletics Committee Minutes

November 1, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.

230 Student Services Building

Members Present:	Susan Sumner, Chair; Reyna Gilbert-Lowry (for Whit Babcock), Nick Woods (for Dwight Shelton), Joseph Tront, Jay Poole, Holly Scoggins, Thomas Mills, Irene Leech, Brian Strahm, Steve Trost, Katie Boes, Susan Short, Timothy Stelter, David Case, Rachel Holloway, Michael Nappier
Absent with Notification:	Robert Parker, Paul Winistorfer, Chris Wise, Robena Hughes, Bill Lansden, Art Keown,
Absent without Notification:	Gordon Bryan, Connor Coward
Guests Present:	Danny White, Angie Littlejohn, Clyde Cridlin, Pete D'Amour, Rick Sparks, Chris Akers, Rebecca Jones
Recorder:	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. Approval of Minutes of October 4, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes of October 4, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Introduction of Coach Pete D'Amour

Softball coach, Pete D'Amour, who has been here since June 2018, gave a brief overview of how he came to be a coach at Virginia Tech. He was a nontraditional college student who started out working before he realized that education was the way to open doors for him. His players know his story and how important education is to him. He said he never tells his students what to major in because they need to find what works best for them and major in the field they have an interest in. They are finishing fall season now, 8 games. When asked what he thought was lacking when he got to Virginia Tech, he said player development was lacking. He takes pride in watching the players get better, so that they are better when they become seniors than when they first stated. The team is getting national level recruits now.

4. Athletics Director Update and Q/A – Reyna Gilbert-Lowry

Reyna gave an update from ACC meeting and handed out the summary from the meeting and went over each area. Joseph Tront added that the October meeting rotates from campus to campus and next year, it will be at Virginia Tech. There was a committee member question about recruiting (reference to the national basketball incident) Colleges, coaches, and apparel companies are all responsible. Angie Littlejohn added Virginia Tech is always looking for ways to improve the system. Virginia Tech is not one of the schools implicated. There are three states that have legalized betting on college sporting events. Angie Littlejohn meets regularly with Kay Heibredner.

Reyna gave an overview of teams and their standings and upcoming games. Homecoming November 3.

5. NCAA Survey – Joseph Tront

Joseph asked the committee to complete a survey he would send to them. He received the survey October 30 and it is due tomorrow, November 2. He will send out a couple of key questions and will include the replies into the survey. He is replying to the survey for faculty at Virginia Tech.

6. Angie Littlejohn and Danny White – Policy 1035

Danny gave an overview of policy 1035 and explained that all students are governed by the student handbook, and other systems as well. Policy 1035 only discusses felony and misdemeanor charges for athletes' play and practice only. It does not usurp any other governing body. He outlined the procedures for Policy 1035 and how the timeline can vary and what can happen to the student athlete. The changes to the policy were wording changes for consistency and added "stated team rules".

The committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed changes to Policy 1035.

7. Compliance – Rick Sparks

Five to eight staff members of the registrar's staff are involved in overseeing the paperwork for student athletes' compliance. There is a goal and climate of continual improvement. Chris Akers and Rebecca Jones gave a broad overview of the paper trail of an individual student athlete and some of the challenges that can occur while getting student athletes accurately in the system.

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.