

University Athletics Committee Minutes

November 7, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.

230 Student Services Building

Members Present: Whit Babcock, Tom Burbey, Bob Denton, Debbie Greer (for Ken Miller), Trish Hammer (for Sally Morton), Rachel Holloway, Art Keown, Jake Lamparella, Drew Lund, Michael Nappier, Robert Parker, Jay Poole, Susan Short, Brian Strahm, Susan Sumner-Chair, Joseph Tront, Clay Word

Absent with Notification: Gordon Bryan, Joe Marcy

Absent without Notification: Katie Boes, Sara Jordan, Bill Lansden

Guests Present: Sarah Armstrong, Will Hozey, Caitlyn Nolan, Mary Ann Steinberg, Danny White, Carrie Lynn Wolford

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. Athletic Director Update – Whit Babcock

- GSR - A six-year cohort of athletes have a graduation success rate (GSR) of 91%. That score is second highest among public schools in the ACC. Last year it was 92%. This was the top score amongst public schools in the ACC.
- Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) legislation should apply to student-athletes the same as any other student, but there will be considerations; how to keep it out of recruitment, what will NIL do?
- Fall sports – Men and women’s soccer RPIs are ranked in NCAA top 10; Cross country hosted ACC Championships; Volleyball does not have an ACC tournament, and Football has regular season games yet to play.
- Celebrating 33-year career of Bud Foster, Saturday, November 9.
- Wrestling – Outdoor wrestling match on Sunday, November 10, at 1pm at the baseball field.

3. Student Athlete Academic Support Services (SAASS) Tutoring Programs – Sarah Armstrong (Will Hozey and Carrie Lynn Wolford - PowerPoint presentation) The PowerPoint and handouts are stored in the Google drive.

- General Information –
 - Appointments are usually one hour, and scheduled by the coordinator, most are recurring
 - Location – third floor of Lane Stadium (rooms 1-16)
 - No contact policy – all communication between athletes and tutors are during the appointment, no exchange of email or phone numbers, or social media
 - Confidential – all information discussed in tutoring is confidential
- Tutor Coordinator: Plan of Action
 - Recruitment – department contacts, flyers, word of mouth, professors
 - Onboarding – in person interview, add to payroll – undergraduate tutors are paid \$8.75, graduate tutors are paid \$9.75, certified gets \$11; add to Canvas, Google group, and Navigate
 - Education – orientation, NCAA rules & regulations, CRLA workshops, Title IX training

- Evaluation
- Discussion – When asked if the SAASS had a wish list - need a room for full time faculty, more space would be great, would like to increase pay for tutors. The space they use has to be in SAASS space for monitoring. They do use other space when needed.
 - A tutor has to have to have taken the class and made a B in the class to teach it. Up to 74 students now tutoring.
 - We have not had tutors travel, but the counselors or advisors have traveled with teams.
 - Exam proctoring is allowed, it depends on the sport, the season and length of time the team is out.
 - The students in the room said they are very accommodated and that the teams utilize tutoring a lot. It is very useful and convenient. Only once could not get in for an upper level course.
 - Upper level courses are harder to find tutors because they usually graduate soon after taking an upper level course and are not around to offer tutoring.

4. **Resolution to Change Membership to the UAC – First 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 upon recommendation of the Vice President for Strategic Affairs.

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.

There was some discussion on who appoints (recommends) these students and the wording may need to be changed based on clarification; otherwise the committee unanimously agreed with the proposed change.

5. **Future Meetings**

- Name, Image, and Likeness
- Danny has pulled together information about student fees.
- Meet with new coaches
- Danny and Joe have put together a list of our (UAC) counterparts
- Take a look at facilities, the Bowman room, the performance space, ACC network studio – 10 million dollars' worth of equipment
- Do we have student Olympic athletes (students, not sports)?
- What are some of the issues related to faculty, are there common problems? What is the progress to degree; class schedule conflicts especially in a major that is sequencing
- Is there a better time to have the recycle management report for scheduling?
- How is winter and summer sessions received? Winter is not very, but summer is more used by student athletes. Winter counts in NCAA requirements.

Action Item: Transfer Rules

Whit will answer transfer rules question at the next meeting. VT Athletics Compliance would be happy to attend as well.

Are transfer rules different? In some sports, one does not have to sit out a year, but some sports one has to sit out. Waivers can be requested. There are inconsistencies in waivers. The ACC has rules about transfers also.