

University Athletics Committee

December 6, 2017

President Suite, Lane Stadium

Members Present: Holly Scoggins (Chair), Kevin Gehr, Debbie Greer (for Dwight Shelton), Rachel Holloway, Robena Hughes, Jennifer Hundley, Bill Lansden, Kristine Loscalzo, Matt Mayotte, Thomas Mills, Robert Owen, Robert Parker, Jay Poole, Brian Strahm, Susan Sumner, Terry Swecker, Joe Tront, Steve Trost, Chris Wise (for Patty Perillo)

Members Absent: Whit Babcock, Gordon Bryan, Joseph Gabbard, John Pinkerton, Irene Leech, Patty Perillo, Dwight Shelton, Paul Winistorfer

Guests Present: Natalie Forbes, Sr. Director of Student-Athlete Development
Dr. Gary Bennett, Assistant Athletic Director, Sports Psychologist
Danny White, Senior Associate Athletics Director
Sarah Armstrong, Associate Director, SAASS
Reyna Gilbert-Lowry, Senior Associate Athletics Director/SWA

Recorder: Angie Littlejohn, Senior Associate Athletics Director, Internal Operations

Holly Scoggins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda, and was passed by unanimous vote.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2017

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017.

With amendment to page 3, "Should athletic injuries or health related memos flow through the Dean's Office?"

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. Subcommittee Assignments and charges and guidelines distributed by Chair.

Business

4. Update and Q&A

Danny White/Reyna Gilbert-Lowry

- ACC Legislation Webinar review
 1. NCAA Convention in January
- EADA Report – Helps to plan gender equity and create and maintain transparency.
- Athletic Bench Marking
 1. 2017-18 Learfield Directors' Cup Standings as of November 30, 2017 – VT at 31st
 - Highest VT has finished is 35th
 - Explanation of scoring
 2. 2017-18 Commonwealth Clash – as of 12/6/17 – VT 4-1
 3. Time Management Plan Policies Update

Questions/Comments:

None

5. Business arising From Previous Meeting

Rachel Holloway

- Notification of Student-Athlete Medical issues. The Dean of Students Office will take over notification. Sports Medicine will notify SAASS, Matt Mayotte and he will notify the Dean's Office. The Associate

Dean will notify the respective faculty member(s). Similar to way normal student medical notifications work. Working to make sure they are not sharing too much information in accordance with HIPAA.

Bill Lansden

- Hokie Club Donations and the Federal Tax Bills impact. This could significantly impact giving. Industry is trying to make the change through lobbying. Going to send information that says donors should get donations in quickly.

Concussion Follow-ups

- Because we are part of the brain injury studies our student-athletes are involved in understanding the long-term effects.

Questions/Comments:

- Where does SSD fit in the communication? If an illness turns into a short-term disability, sports medicine would notify Matt Mayotte and Matt would continue to help facilitate the communication to SSD.
- Also, student taxes on benefits – We should look into the taxability of items beyond the scholarships.
- Look at financial impacts of the tax bill on scholarships.
- Follow up on the concussion long term effects.

6. Sports Psychologist

Dr. Gary Bennett

- Video on mental health issues in student-athletes.
 - Athletics averaged over 200 Student-Athletes that come forward for treatment.
 - 10-15% come forward for performance
 - Largest issue is time management stress
- Dr. Bennett background at VT.
 - Involved in leadership program.
 - Substance Abuse Committee Member
 - Nutrition and Performance Committee
- SMART – Sexual Misconduct and Relationship Violence Training.

Questions/Comments:

- How does the UAC work with Athletics and Sports Medicine to ask the right questions?
 1. Title IX Training
 2. Forms before pre-participation ask mental health questions
- What is the negative that causes us not to prescribe medicine for physical or mental health issues?
 1. High potential for misuse
 2. Over prescribed in general population

7. Relationship Violence Education Program for Athletics

Natalie Forbes

- One Love Program
 - Background – came from death of UVa Lacrosse Player
 - Education campus communities to prevent relationship violence.
 - 90 min film and safe zone discussion
 - All student-athletes have been through One Love training
 - Continued and annual training - All teams received initial training and Fresh & transfers are trained every year
 - Recognizing signs of abusive relationships
 - 550 colleges and universities have used it

Questions/Comments:

- What was the feedback from men?
 1. Film brings it back home to them.
- Does it address alcohol abuse?
 1. Yes, the role of alcohol in a relationship
- Student-Affairs does some of it – but would be great for every student to go through it.
 1. How do we address the Title IX reporting?
 - Addressed at the beginning of the programming
- If you have been convicted of sexual violence you will be denied at Louisville, here it would be reviewed. There is no auto denial.
 1. Students must disclose if they are arrested, that can escalate and if they do not tell VT within 10 days after admission.
- Coaches and staff informed
 1. Natlie and staff have individual meetings with to discuss One Love prior to season, scheduling team training and via memo to all coaches, staff, and sport administrators. Coaches are not in the room to help facilitate it.

8. Other Items:

- Committee would like to TMP management at a future meeting.
- Next meeting January 24, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:01 pm