

University Athletics Committee
January 20, 2022 – Virtual Meeting Highlights
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Present: Tom Burbey, Travis Burns, Walker Culver, Robert Denton, Patrick Finley, Heather Gumbert, Rachel Holloway, Maria Keener, Sarah Jane Lynch, Ken Miller, Jay Poole, Robin Queen, Terry Rakes, Bridget Ryan-Berman, Susan Short, , Becki Smith, Ken Stiles, Robert Sumichrast, Anna Taylor, Danny White.

Absent: Whit Babcock, Allison Bowersock, Jennifer Irish, Joe Marcy, Frank Shushok, Zach Speizer, Eric Stanley, Joseph Tront, Brad Wurthman

Guests: Sarah Armstrong, Coach J. C. Price

Susan Short called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion carried.

2. Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of December 9, 2021

Anna Taylor noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the Web (<http://www.governance.vt.edu>).

3. Coaches Corner – J C Price

Coach Price expressed his gratitude and passion for Virginia Tech and shared that he looks for ways to convey this message when recruiting student-athletes. It remains important for him to connect with players and encourages each and every one of them to have a desire for learning. One of his proudest moments as interim head coach was introducing Nikki Giovanni to his players. He values the opportunity to connect players to the culture and history of Virginia Tech.

4. Susan welcomed Walker Culver, men’s sports scholarship athlete. Walker shared some introductory remarks, background, and academic interests.

5. Athletic Director Update – Danny White reported on behalf of Whit Babcock

Danny provided updates regarding:

- Head coaches met in early January – major topics included COVID, welcome back, mental health
- We can anticipate new regulations surrounding NIL (name, image, likeness)
- Reflected on this year's Bowl Game – the Yankee organization was great to work with – work ethic was impressive – they are an exceptional sporting organization. The university/team was pleased that MLB approved the usage of the New York Yankees logo on VT helmets for the game.
- Announced the new NCAA Constitution was approved with 80.42% of members voting YES, 19.58% voting NO, with 20 abstentions.

6. Academic Update – Fall Academic Highlights – Sarah Armstrong (see attached)

Major highlights included:

Overall student-athlete average semester GPA was 3.18
414 student-athletes earned a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher
401 maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater
43 student-athletes earned a 4.0 semester GPA
17 student-athletes maintained a cumulative 4.0 GPA

Sarah shared that over 250 athletes who earned the AD honor roll designation will be recognized during the January 26th Miami-VT men's basketball game. In addition, the SAASS staff is almost at full capacity. The team is finishing up the search for the last vacant position.

7. Faculty Athletics Representative Updates – Jen Irish

Jen was unable to attend this month's UAC meeting because she was participating in the NCAA meeting. Her written report included:

NCAA Convention legislative proposal voting is today (1/20/2022). Virginia Tech will be supporting all three proposals for which there will be a vote. (1) NCAA-wide: new NCAA constitution; (2) Division I: update legislation on revenue distribution to codify current practice; (3) Division I: move division dominant provisions from constitution to division bylaws.

Jen indicated that a briefing has been provided from the ACC on their internal analysis of transfer portal data. Jen will present at a future UAC meeting.

8. Parking Lot Topics (for future meetings):

How is the conference going to handle bowl game revenue distributions (particularly since a number of games were not held but teams had already traveled to designated locations)?

Susan to invite Rick Sparks to attend a future meeting to discuss the transcript evaluation process.

9. Adjournment

The group wrapped up the meeting 4:40 p.m.

MEETING DATES FOR 2022:

(All meetings will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.)

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Thursday, May 5, 2022

SAASS

Student-Athlete Academic Support Services

FALL 2021

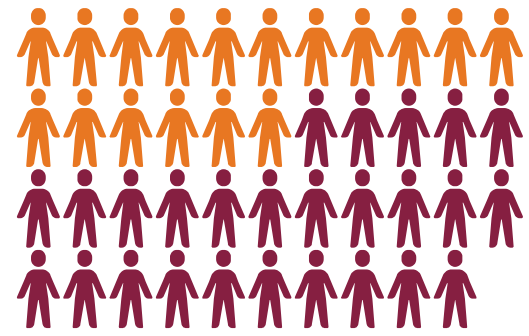


Top 5 Team GPAs:

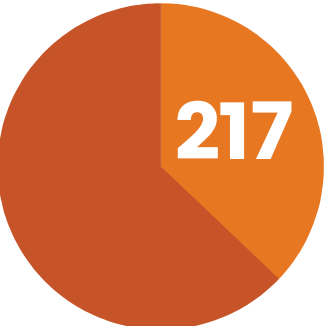
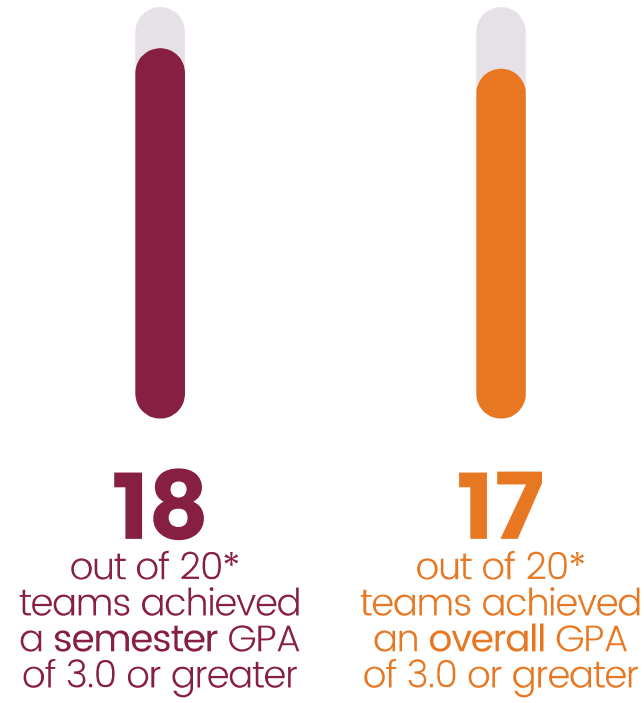
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| Volleyball | 3.64 |
| W. Basketball | 3.60 |
| W. Tennis | 3.60 |
| W. Golf | 3.57 |
| M. Basketball | 3.52 |

Academic Highlights

Out of 605 Student-Athletes, 414 earned a semester GPA of 3.0 or greater while 401 maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or greater



43 Student-Athletes earned a 4.0 semester GPA while 17 Student-Athletes maintained a cumulative 4.0 GPA



Over 1/3 of undergraduate Student-Athletes made the Dean's List, earning a semester GPA of 3.40 or greater



*Men's Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field program counting as one team
 *Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track & Field program counting as one team