

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2022

Newcomers Session: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Full Advisory Committee: 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Virtual Only - Zoom

Members Present (Newcomers Session): Sarah Armstrong, Erin Carleton, John Galbraith, Heather Gumbert, Leanna House, Jen Irish, Phil Miskovic, Jayden Payoute, Jim Petrine, Liesel Ritchie, Susan Short, David Tegarden, Danny White

Susan Short provided a brief welcome and overview of the UAC charge. Jen Irish shared information regarding the role and responsibilities of the Faculty Athletics Representative. Sarah Armstrong briefed the group on the role and services provided by the Student Athlete Academic Support Services unit. Danny White shared information related to Athletics role with UAC and will share an organizational chart of the department during a future meeting.

Members Present (Full Advisory Committee): Sarah Armstrong, Travis Burns, Erin Carleton, John Galbraith, Heather Gumbert, Rachel Holloway, Leanna House, Jen Irish, Ken Miller, Phil Miskovic, Jayden Payoute, Jim Petrine, Robin Queen, Liesel Ritchie, Bridget Ryan-Berman, Susan Short, Becki Smith, Kenneth Stiles, David Tegarden, Joe Tront, Danny White (for Whit Babcock)

Absent: Whit Babcock, Allison Bowersock, Frances Keene, Robin Russell, Brad Wurthman

Guests: Sarah Armstrong, Gary Bennett

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 May 5, 2022

Susan Short 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. **Welcome** - Susan Short provided brief words of welcome and a brief overview of the charge and responsibilities of the UAC.

4. **Guest Presentation: Student-Athlete Well-Being** – Gary Bennett, associate athletics director and licensed clinical and sport psychologist, provided an overview to services provided to student-athletes as well as the groups connection to the Cook Counseling Center (slide deck attached).

5. **Faculty Athletics Representative Update** - Jen Irish, university FAR, provided the following updates:

NCAA:

NCAA Board adopted recommendations from the Division I Transformation Committee related to transfers and infractions.

ACC:

ACC Board met earlier this week. The ACC Fall meeting will be Oct 17-18.

VT:

Fostering Academic Success message through provost's weekly email:

- <https://www.provost.vt.edu/provost-weekly-updates/weekly-september-5-9-2022.html>
- https://www.saass.vt.edu/content/dam/saass_vt_edu/files/SAASS%20Academic%20Highlights%202021-2022.pdf

Missed class subcommittee:

- Charge: Review and update Virginia Tech's missed class policy for student-athletes for UAC review and approval.
- Seeking two new members (*please note: John Galbraith and Robin Queen will serve on this subcommittee*).

Jen responded to questions related to resilience in relationship to conference realignment, student-athlete travel/missed classes, internet connectivity when student-athletes are in travel status (access to hot spots), television schedules.

6. **Student-Athletic Academic Support Services Update** – Sarah Armstrong, director, student-athlete academic support services, provided an update that included the following topics: recognized learning specialists, new hires, academic achievements (Fall 2021 and Spring 2022), student-athlete majors, eligibility status (slide deck attached).

7. **Athletic Director Update** – Danny White presented on behalf of Whit Babcock and provided updates on the following topics (slide deck attached):

- CAPS – **compliance**, academics, **performance**, support
- Compliance – President Sands attended the Fall all-staff meeting. Presented expectations – excel in athletics, excel in academics, and we will do it the Virginia Tech way.
- NCAA Major Infractions
- Highlighted Hokies in the Top 25 rankings, Learfield Directors' Cup, NCAA championships

8. **Additional Topics:** The group received feedback from the Boston College home game – new procedure for student entrance to stadium, sections 1-3-5 migrating into season ticket holders’ seats is being addressed, general admission for students. Susan shared that associate coaches will be scheduled to attend future UAC meetings to discuss how UAC can support their efforts.
9. Susan reminded the group that we will meet in-person on Thursday, October 13th for our next UAC gathering. The location and virtual link will be provided in the near future. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

2022-23 University Athletics Committee Meeting Schedule

- Thursday, **October 13th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (In-person, location: TBD)
- Thursday, **November 10th – 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.** (Virtual Only)
- Thursday, **December 8th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (In-person, location: TBD)
- Thursday, **January 19th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (Virtual Only)
- Thursday, **February 9th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (Virtual Only)
- Thursday, **March 16th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (In-person, location: TBD)
- Thursday, **April 13th – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (Virtual Only)
- Thursday, **May 4th, – 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** (In-person, location: TBD)