Rosemary Goss, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. The agenda was accepted as proposed. The minutes of November 2, 2006 were approved.

**Announcement**

- Rosemary Goss, Chair, informed the committee that the minutes of the University Athletic Committee were going up on the Provost website from 2004 thru present.

- The March 1st meeting of the University Athletic Committee will be held on February 28, 2007 on the 3rd floor of the West Side Expansion in the Student Athlete Academic Support Services area in room 309.

- We will have Questions & Answers with Jim Weaver at a future meeting.

- Title IV review will be February 8 from 9 to 10 with Lamar Daniels. Sharon McCloskey will review the report with the University Athletic Committee at a subsequent meeting in the spring.

**Business**

**Coach’s Perspective: Volleyball** (Chris Riley)
Tabled till next meeting as Chris was called out of town.

**Fan Behavior** (David Lowe)
The Alumni Association was concerned over fan behavior at athletic events. David Lowe, representing the Alumni Association, met with Jim Weaver about the “Hokie Respect” campaign on ways to help promote the campaign. David Lowe, Larry Hinker, Tim East and Tom Tiller came together to discuss ways to help promote positive fan behavior at athletic events. The “Jerk Alert” cartoon was one of the outcomes from this group, as well as the pregame announcement by a former athlete. Several more ideas are being considered to encourage more positive behavior (attitude) on the part of the Virginia Tech fan base that involves the students, alumni,
marching Virginians, cheerleaders, student mentors, Student Government Association, and fans attending athletic events.

Ideas pertaining to new freshman orientation and ways to welcome the visiting teams were discussed. The aim is to change the culture of athletic event behavior to become a more positive experience. Megan Armbruster added that she was a member of the “Hokie Hi Welcome Committee” at new student orientation. Each freshman was asked to sign a pledge that they would participate in good sportsmanship (Hokie Respect) and each received a Hokie bird zipper pull from the Alumni Association.

**Policy on Student-Athlete Conduct No. 1035 (Rosemary Goss)**

- The CAP (Comprehensive Action Plan) was a report from 1996 that made recommendations regarding sanctions of student athletes for inappropriate behavior, but was never formally incorporated into university policy. Last spring President Steger appointed a task force to review implementation of the CAP. After reviewing the report the president and his staff revised the existing policy 1035 (Student-Athlete Behavior) by adding from the CAP sanctions for inappropriate conduct. The UAC suggested some clerical changes and clarification on who would suspend a student-athlete for felony charges or conviction. The UAC also recommended revisions to the code of student conduct and student host recruiting sections. President Steger will present the revision to the Board of Visitors in March. Megan Armbruster asked that she receive a final document before the student-athlete handbook goes to print on April 2, 2007.

**NCAA Athletics Certification (Rosemary Goss)**

Update on the three committees:

- 3 weeks ago Rules Compliance report submitted to steering committee. It was reviewed and returned to subcommittee for revisions.
- 1 week ago Academic Integrity report submitted to steering committee and it is under review and will be returned to subcommittee by the 14th of February.
- Feb 14th Equality and Student Well Being will be submitted to steering committee and they will have two weeks to review.

Everything is on schedule for completion in May 2007.

**Reports**

**Fall Academic Update (Chris Helms)**

Handout

- A total of 466 student athletes on team rosters
- 42 percent of student athletes maintain a cumulative 3.0 or greater GPA
- 44 percent of student athletes achieved a 3.0 or greater semester GPA
- 26 percent of student athletes made the Dean’s List
- 16 student athletes earned a 4.0 semester GPA
- The average team cumulative GPA is 2.99
- The average university cumulative GPA was 2.97
- The average team semester GPA is a 2.99
- The average university semester GPA was 2.95
- 12 teams achieved a 3.0 or greater semester GPA
- 11 teams maintained a 3.0 or greater cumulative GPA

Rosemary Goss adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.