
Members Absent: Jessica Botzum, Candi Clemenz, Sam Easterling, Thomas Giffin, Zenobia Hikes, Steve McMullin, Jessee Richardson, Larry Taylor, Eileen Van Aken, Sarah Thomas.

Representatives: Melinda West for Dwight Shelton.

Guest Present: Megan Armbruster, Director of Athletics Student Life, Chris Helms, Director of Student Athlete Academic Support Services, Jon Jaudon, Associate Athletic Director, Sharon McCloskey, Senior Associate Athletic Director/SWA, Katrina Silva, Head Coach Women’s Lacrosse.

Recorder: Joyce Wynn, Administrative Assistant, Athletic Department.

Rosemary Goss, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:35.

Rosemary commented on the tragic event of April 16th and commended Jim Weaver and the Athletic Department for canceling the Spring Game and then continuing forward with Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse. Rosemary also commented on the All Sports Banquet that honors student athletes each year in the areas of: community service, academics, strength and conditioning, and athletic achievement. Rosemary thanked Noreen Bailey Spencer on the articles that she forwarded to UAC members today about academic progress around the country. The agenda was accepted as presented. Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

BUSINESS

Coach’s Perspective: Lacrosse (Katrina Silva)
Sharon McCloskey introduced coach Silva. Katrina was an assistant coach in Virginia Tech’s Lacrosse program before going to Roanoke College and then to Colgate for seven years. She just completed her first season as Head Coach at Virginia Tech. Katrina stated that she fell in love with Virginia Tech 10 years ago when she was an assistant coach and is happy to be back. She stated that we are going to change the face of Lacrosse here at Virginia Tech. She made the following comments. We had a tough spring going 5 and 12. The things that we learned about ourselves this year can not be measured in wins and losses. Our Lacrosse women are young, bright and vibrant and handle adversity better than can be imagined. It is a joy to work with them. Our team has a 3.3 GPA and will be even higher this semester. The reason they are here is to learn and become ambassadors for Virginia Tech around the world. They learn that they can work hard and succeed. We do community services as a team. This year we were partners with a Local Elementary School. I really encourage them to do community services through the Office of Student Life. To be involved in their classes and community, to be ambassadors of the lacrosse team, Virginia Tech and be good citizens is what we strive for.

Lacrosse in the ACC is very difficult. We play at the highest level. Number two through five in the country in lacrosse are ACC schools. We need to find our first ACC win to get some confidence. We played Maryland
the number 2 team after the tragedy here at Virginia Tech and they presented the Hokie Sprit Fund with a check for $4,000.00 and gave our girls T-Shirts before the game that said Turtles support Hokies and the word Strength on the back.

**Gender Equity Report** (Sharon McCloskey)
This year we went through a total review of all 13 areas.

- Passed with flying colors--less than 1% difference in participation rates between women and men.
- Financial Aid--there was a 1.9% difference. More to women than to men. More out of state being awarded to women than men. Non discriminatory reason as more men on football are in-state and women’s teams have more out-of-state members.
- Equipment and supplies were rated good to excellent by most head coaches.
- Scheduling games and practice times were considered equivalent.
- Tutoring and assignments were considered equivalent.
- Coach positions were equal.
- Minor details will be taken care of this summer in the renovation of locker rooms and repairs. They recommended that the softball field get lights and we are already working on that.
- We had one area with an uncertified trainer. That trainer has taken the test but had not received a grade. Last time we were told we need one more full time certified trainer to handle soccer in the fall and softball in the spring. We have that in place now.
- Per diem is OK
- Publicity was rated as excellent, and noted that he had not seen another school better than Virginia Tech in marketing and promotions.
- Availability of coaches in recruiting is equivalent.
- Recruitment funding: two coaches thought it might be a problem but they were new coaches so he did not consider it an issue.
- One issue he did bring up was courtesy cars and Jim has already addressed that and it will be taken care of July 1. Coaches will either receive courtesy car or stipend.
- Office space is due to be increased as the old office space that Chris Helms’s area occupied in Cassell is due to be renovated this summer and made available to assistance coaches.
- Most of our men’s teams want additional slots on their teams, and we have had to put a cap on men’s sports because JV football counts twice. We will be carrying more in Women’s Soccer, Softball and Women’s Track Teams.
- David Lowe from the UAC committee participated in the exit interview.

**Hokie Club Update** (Lu Merrit)
(Handout)

- Annual giving is ahead of last year, 9 M goes to pay the scholarship bill and operate our office.
- Capital Projects
  - Basketball Practice Facility already received $954,175
  - Lane Stadium $1,723,461
    - Club Seats & Suites $1,894,180
    - We waived this fee last year because of construction delays.
  - Future Designation $656,196
    - Most will go to facilities, some to endowment.
- River Course Renovations, we were asked to raise 4M for a club house and we have done that, this is some of the payments for that
- Merryman Center about paid off.
- Basketball practice facility has pledges totaling 6M. We were asked to raise 11.6M. We have 1.4M in future designation account that will go to facilities and endowment.
We have half million already pledged for the new field house and we do not even have drawing or information.

Membership is down slightly in our $100 new donor area since there is not a lot to offer $100 donors.

Higher giving levels all growing

In the Atlantic Coast Conference we share our fund raising results. University of Virginia led the way with the John Paul Jones Center with 130 M. Virginia Tech was fourth and would have been second had we had the receipts for the club seats & suites.

Virginia Tech was number one in the ACC in the Annual Fund and ranked third in total cash received for capital projects.

We ranked sixth in Endowment gifts, 32M, we use earnings to pay a portion of the scholarship bill.

We compete very well in the ACC in fund raising. Jim has asked his coaches to strive to be in the top third and that is what we try to do as well. We have the second smallest staff in the conference. Only two schools do not have capital projects underway in the ACC.

**NCAA Athletics Certification (Rosemary Goss)**

- The NCAA Athletics Certification process continues – the final report was to be sent to NCAA May 1 but we received an extension after the April 16 tragedy. It will be submitted in two weeks.
- Our site visit will occur November 12-14.

**Questions for Athletic Director**

Athletic director, Jim Weaver, shared some of the support from our athletic friends after the April 16 tragedy.

- Miami gave a check for $10,000 at the opening baseball series after April 16th. They also gave us $1,400 more from their parents association.
- Maryland parents gave at Lacrosse and Maryland gave a banner and wore our colors.
- East Carolina has stated that they will present us with a check at the opening football game for $100,000.
- Frank Beamer and Del Curry won the Chick fil-A coach alumni golf tournament and donated the winnings of $100,000. CBS was filming, it will be shown Christmas Day.

*Why so few track meets here?* We host indoors because we have the facilities. Our outdoor people would rather perform in warmer climates. We do not have the seating capacity.

*Do we have any Olympic hopeful for next year?* We have three or four. We do not do a lot to support them in the off season because we can not. We do have some that want to be here for summer school and train. They train in clubs in their respective home areas.

**Announcements**

Most of you have received the e-mail that the May 17 student athlete summit has been cancelled. Rosemary thanked members that served on the committee this year.

If you have agenda items for the fall, please send Rosemary an e-mail.

Rosemary Goss adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.