University Athletic Committee  
September 28, 2006  
Bowman Room, Jamerson Center

Members Present: Susan Anderson, Jessica Botzum, Candi Clemenz, Sam Easterling, David Ford, Rosemary Goss, Mike Kelly, Larry Killough, David Lowe, John Maher, Lu Merritt, Scott Plesant, Jesse Richardson, Ken Stanton, Sarah Thomas, Eileen Van Aken, Dixie Watts Reaves, and representatives Bill Campion for Zenobia Hikes, Melinda West for Dwight Shelton, and Gary Jackson for Noreen Spencer Bailey

Members Absent: Thomas, Griffin, Cameron Martin, Steve McMullin, Larry Taylor, Jim Weaver.

Guest Present: Megan Armbruster, Director of Student Life Athletics, Chris Helms, Coordinator, Student Athlete Academic Support Services, Jon Jaudon, Associate Athletic Director, Shauna Cobb, Director of Athletic Compliance.

Recorder: Joyce Wynn, Athletic Department

Rosemary Goss, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. The minutes of April 27, 2006 were tabled until next meeting. The agenda was accepted as proposed.

Business

Committee Charge (Rosemary Goss)  
The UAC was formed July 1, 1988. Rosemary Goss read the President’s charge to the committee.

Future Meeting Schedule  
Future meeting dates for this year are November 2nd and December 7th

Future Agenda Items  
Please let Rosemary Goss know if you have any agenda items.

Announcements (Jon Jaudon)  
Megan Armbruster, Director of Student Life--Athletics was recognized for winning the NCAA Award, Division 1A CHAMPS Program of Excellence Award.

Standing Committee Appointments  
Gender Equity:  
Suggestion that this committee work with the Title 9 review being conducted this year (spring 2007) by Lamar Dianels. Will examine the practices within Athletics
and make any suggestions as appropriate back to the UAC Committee. Committee members for 2006-07 are Sam Easterling, Jesse Richardson and Sharon McCloskey as ex officio. We invite anyone else who would like to work on this committee to notify Rosemary Goss.

Rules Compliance Oversight and Advisory:
Suggestion that Rosemary Goss ask President Steger to let the NCAA certification report that Virginia Tech is going through in 2006-2007 stand for this committee report for 2006-2007. This committee will conduct an audit to evaluate the athletics compliance office against NCAA and ACC rules and regulations. This audit is in addition to the internal audit program conducted each year. The annual report of this subcommittee is forwarded to the President after approval by the UAC. Tim Parker is ex-officio member each year. Anyone willing to serve on this subcommittee should contact Rosemary Goss.

APR Improvement Plans (David Ford)
Virginia Tech had three athletic teams which did not meet the 925 APR cut-off score: baseball, men’s soccer, and men’s tennis. Plans had to be submitted for Baseball and Men’s Soccer. Teams with small rosters were not required to submit an APR Improvement plan, Men’s Tennis fell into this category. The academic progress score of 925 is based on academic eligibility and retention. Committee did not want to be punitive since both teams were close to the 925. The plans are to remain at Virginia Tech and are not to be submitted to the NCAA.

NCAA Athletics Certification (Jon Jaudon)
1993 NCAA passed amendment to adopt an athletic certification process. The intention was to review the integrity of intercollegiate athletic programs. 1997-1998 was Virginia Tech first review. 2006-2007 second review Minnis Ridenour is chairing the committee. Three primary areas are to be reviewed:
Academic Integrity Chaired by Dr. Ford
Rules Compliance Chaired by Joe Tront
Equity and Student Welfare Chaired by Zenobia Hikes
Website will be updated as we move forward.
Report to be complete by May 1, 2007.

Team Schedules and Missed Class Time (Jon Jaudon)
Handout (attached)
Policy adopted as a result of first NCAA review.
Jon Jaudon went over the report to the committee and questions regarding missed class time for athletes were discussed.

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

Graduation Rates 2005-2006 (Chris Helms)
Handout (attached)
Chris Helms went over the report to the committee and questions regarding graduation rates were discussed.

Questions for the Athletic Director (Jim Weaver)
Tabled as Mr. Weaver was out of town.
Rosemary Goss adjourned the meeting at 4:35 PM.