University Athletic Committee  
October 5, 2006  
Bowman Room, Jamerson Center


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 the 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.  “This action establishes a University Committee on Athletics, charged to review and provide advice on broad policy issues relating to intercollegiate athletics.”

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

Future Agenda Items  
Please let Rosemary Goss, chairman, know if you have any agenda items for future meetings.

Announcement (Jon Jaudon)  
Megan Armbruster, Director of Student Life in Athletics, was recognized for winning the NCAA Award, Division 1A CHAMPS program of Excellence Award.
Standing Committees (Rosemary Goss)
Two standing committees of the UAC include:

- **Gender Equity:** Suggestion that this committee work with the Title 9 review being conducted this year (Spring 2007) by Lamar Daniels. 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. Anyone else who would like to work on this committee should notify Rosemary Goss.

- **Rules Compliance Oversight and Advisory:** It was suggested that Rosemary Goss ask President Steger to let the NCAA certification report that Virginia Tech is going through in 2006-2007 replace this committee report for 2006-2007.

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.

Teams with small rosters were not required to submit an APR Improvement plan. Men’s tennis fell into this category. Plans had to be submitted for baseball and men’s soccer. The academic progress score of 925 is based on academic eligibility and retention. The 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)
In 1993 NCAA passed an amendment to adopt an athletic certification process. The intention was to review the integrity of intercollegiate athletic programs. Virginia Tech’s first review occurred in 1997-1998. The second review will take place during 2006-2007. Minnis Ridenour is chairing the committee.

Three primary areas are to be reviewed:
1. Academic Integrity--Chaired by David Ford
2. Rules Compliance--Chaired by Joe Tront
3. Equity and Student Welfare--Chaired by Zenobia Hikes

A website will be available and updated as we move forward. The report will be completed by May 1, 2007 and a site visit will take place in Fall 2007.

Team Schedules and Missed Class Time (Jon Jaudon)
The policy was adopted as a result of the first NCAA review. The intent of the policy is to limit missed days to 9 or less. Three sports have received an exemption for 2006-2007: golf, men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track. However, not all team members will likely attend all events.
Policy on Student-Athlete Conduct No. 1035  (Rosemary Goss) Tabled.

Graduation Rates 2005-2006  (Chris Helms)
Chris Helms reported the 2005 NCAA graduation rate for student athletes for 2005 was equal to the all student graduation rate of 74%.  Chris also shared information about graduation rates by sports.

Questions for the Athletic Director  (Jim Weaver)
Mr. Weaver was out of town.

Rosemary Goss adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.