Joe Tront, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. The minutes of October 19, 2005 will be sent to members for email corrections and approval. The agenda was accepted as proposed.

Dates for meetings in spring 2006 semester are as follows: January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27.

**Business**

**Coaches’ Perspectives: Men’s Soccer** (Oliver Weiss)
Unable to make meeting due to travel delays; tabled until February

**Student Life Programs** (Megan Armbruster)
Working with a group of students on the Extreme Makeover house. Tabled until January.

**NCAA Compliance Legislation Update** (Tim Parker)
Handout
Tim indicated that VT no longer has one vote as one school. Rather, now everyone votes through their conference. Every legislative amendment first goes through the NCAA management council. The ACC has three people on this council. It is made up of 51 members (Athletic Directors, Senior Women Administrators, Faculty Reps., Student-Athletes, Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners). After the management council approves a piece of
legislation twice (two readings), it then goes to the NCAA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, comprised of 17 members (Presidents and Chancellors), has the final say. Usually measures are passed by the management council in the summer and sent back to the membership for comments. The Management Council reconsiders the legislation 3 or 6 months after the comment period. Final approval by the Board of Directors usually happens in April and most amendments will take effect August 1st.

As of August 1, 2005:

- Individuals who are attending summer school prior to initial full-time enrollment, and receiving athletically-related aid, may, for some purposes, be treated as “student-athletes” rather than “prospects.”
- It is now permissible for a coach to leave campus to engage in off-campus Contact or Evaluation before another coach who is off campus returns to campus, provided the total number of coaches recruiting on behalf of the institution at any time does not exceed the permissible maximum.
- It is now permissible for university staff members to have off-campus contact with prospect while he/she is on an Official Visit (within 30 miles of campus).
- Student-Athletes can now participate in exhibition and/or scrimmages without losing one of the four seasons of eligibility.

There are 145 NCAA legislative amendments to be voted on this April 2006. Tim only mentioned three that follow:

- A proposal to exempt all types of non-athletics institutional aid from counting toward NCAA team financial aid maximums.
- Proposals to alter the operation of the “One Time Transfer Exception: (which applies to all VT sports other than Basketball and Football). These would affect the application of a one-year residence requirement when a student-athlete transfers from one Division I school to another.
- The creation and implementation of an Amateurism Clearinghouse run by the NCAA.

Continuing Discussion: Alcohol Abuse Prevention: (Joe Tront)

Tront opened the discussion by suggesting that we are likely seeing a behavior problem as well as an alcohol abuse problem. There was a suggestion that the problem could partially be resulting from the stadium reseating since the peer pressure communities have been broken up. Steve Clarke and Joe Tront met with the Student Government Association and suggested that they look into the problem from the student point of view and told them that the UAC would be interested in working with them on any programs or interventions that they might develop to correct problematic behavior. The UAC discussion indicated that students are not the only problem at the athletic events. We have a number of guest, alumni and visitors from the other teams that contribute to overall problematic behavior. Tront asked the committee to think about how the UAC can support what the students might want do to try to preclude problems. Swecker suggested that we conduct a town hall style meeting. Some opposed. Suggested that Joe check with Zenobia Hikes, Vice President for Student Affairs, to see what she is doing or plan to do about the same matters. Night games were determined to be the worst in terms of generating inappropriate activities including: drinking, rowdiness, fights, improper behavior and
dress. The committee noted that the problem is not just due to students, but also involved alumni, and other non-students.

The UAC will see what the SGA comes back with and if there is any support that the UAC can give to them. Tront will work with Zenobia Hikes to put together a task force to consider possible actions, interventions or programs to be put into place to improve fan behavior behavior. David Lowe expressed concern that the people that we need to get to are not just the students but also the alumni, and the non-alumni who attend games – they are part of the problem. He also made the point that alumni have a real stake in the reputation of VT and can be a powerful force in addressing and correcting the problem.

An issue was raised about smoking in the stadium and other locations of athletic events. It was suggested that the areas where smoking is allowed be far enough away from non-smoking areas, that they be well-marked, and that the regulation be enforced.

In summary, the UAC has deep concerns over fan behavior at athletic events and strongly suggests that the university take the appropriate steps to correct inappropriate behavior.

Action Item:
Tront will contact Zenobia Hikes and work with her office to determine the appropriate next step(s) to take to address this issue.

Questions for the Athletic Director (Jon Jaudon, Sharon McCloskey)
Concern was expressed about the availability and price of the staff members for single game tickets.

McCloskey responded that we do not have single game tickets to sell unless the opposing university sends back tickets or student’s do not pick up their allotted tickets.

A comment was made that there is confusion on football game days during the week as relates to class cancellation and parking lot usage. The memo that goes out that the university is closing at 4:00 p.m. but classes are not cancelled. Grad students that are holding the classes do not know if they can cancel the classes or not. David Ford, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs indicated that questions should be directed to his office. He also said that classes cannot be arbitrarily cancelled because of game day activities. David Ford will check on the wording of the memo that goes out via email.

Joe Tront adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.