University Athletic Committee  
April 21, 2005  
Bowman Room, Jamerson Center

Members Present: Megan Evans, Frank Gwazdauskas, Larry Killough Cathy Lally, Jerry Niles, Jesse Richardson, Norraine Bailey Spencer, Dwight Shelton, Terry Swecker, Joe Tront, Jim Weaver, Whitney White.


Representatives: D Smith for Dixie Watts Reaves.

Guest Present: Frank Beamer, Head Football Coach, Robbie Davis, Graduate Student for Athletics Compliance, Tom Gabbard, Associate Athletic Director, Internal Affairs, Chris Helms, Director Student Athlete Academic Support Services, Jon Jaudon, Associate Athletic Director, Administration, Sharon McCloskey, Senior Associate Athletic Director, Senior Women’s Administrator, Tim Parker, Assistant Athletic Director Compliance, Sandy Weber, Coordinator for Athletics Compliance, Kelly Woods, Intern for Athletics Compliance.

Recorder: Joyce Wynn, Athletic Department

Joe Tront, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM. The minutes of March 17, 2005 were approved as corrected. The agenda was accepted as proposed

Announcements

There will be no meeting in May.

Business

Coach’s Perspective: Academic/Athletic Performance in Football (Frank Beamer)
Coach Beamer congratulated Chris Helms and his office for work well done and made the following comments: It is important that students that come here to play football leave with a degree. If you really make something important the guys pay attention. We have put up banners with grade point averages and names of early graduates and bring it to their attention that this is important. As a staff we meet every Thursday with Chris and Colin. We meet to be on top of academics and the chance to talk to the player about their academics. To me the biggest part is that you sincerely care about these athletes. When the crisis comes you have a chance to solve the problem if the athletes know you care about them. Friday night we always eat a buffet dinner. We eat by grade point average. The more staff Chris’s office has the more individual attention given to each athlete. Learning specialist is an area that was addressed by the benchmark study and we need one or two on staff for a better support program. Coach Beamer was congratulated on his successes and encouraged to continue to emphasize academics to his players.
Capital Projects for Athletics (Tom Gabbard)

Handout

Projects completed fiscal 2004-05
1. Renovations of all Olympic sport locker rooms in the Cassell and Jamerson building.
2. New women and men staff locker rooms.
3. New water cooler sanitizing room.
4. Replace flooring in lower Jamerson lobby.
5. Cassell driveway completed.
7. New swimming locker rooms.
8. Tennis center locker rooms renovated.
9. New team building at the River Course.
10. New toilet fixtures in the Cassell restrooms.
11. New filming capability at the tennis center.
12. Various infrastructure upgrades to Cassell and Jamerson.

Projects to be completed this summer and early fall:
1. West side expansion of Lane Stadium.
2. New practice fields at Mosely (one natural and one artificial).
3. New addition to soccer/lacrosse bleachers.
4. New bathroom facility at soccer/lacrosse that will also service softball.
5. New Flag Plaza at SW corner of Lane Stadium.
6. Renovate both softball and baseball field playing surfaces.
7. Additional capability for expanded wrestling practice facility.
8. New equipment room storage capacity system and new additional office.
10. Rework center chair back section of Lane stadium for club seating and additional bleachers.
11. Kick protection nets for north and south end zone seating sections.
12. Renovate football coaches’ locker room and Merryman rehabilitation area.

Reports

Gender Equity (Sharon McCloskey, Cathy Lally)

Sharon McCloskey made the following summary: Outside consultant came in last February. His report indicated there was a -.8 percentage between the participation rate and the enrollment rate of the students. His recommendation was that Virginia Tech provide participation opportunities for men and women student athletes in substantial proportion to the enrollment of men and women students and in doing so, VT will comply with Title IX. We send out a letter every year to our head coaches telling the women’s teams that they are expected to carry a certain minimum and the men’s teams are capped at certain maximum. Every year the men request more. I have a working document that has our financial aid and upgrades to facilities. I keep a list of upgrades and responsible parties to check off when the project is completed and it benefits Title IX.

1. Resurfaced both back Gyms.
2. Adopted new participation numbers provided by our outside reviewer.
3. Allowed charter flights for both Men’s and Women’s Basketball.
4. We created the Soccer/Lacrosse playing field.
5. We are adding seats for Soccer/Lacrosse and concessions and restrooms for Softball, Soccer/Lacrosse. (One building in the general area that will service all these sports)
6. Updated Women’s Basketball Video to the equivalent of the Men’s Basketball Video.
7. Created locker rooms for the staff.
8. Increased the line item for Women’s Basketball Guarantee.
9. Renovated all the athletic locker rooms.
10. New Soccer/Lacrosse practice area.
11. Resurfacing the softball field
12. Ventilation system in the back gym.
13. Women’s Golf will be added in three to five years. (Team facilities already in place)
14. Video system for Tennis
15. Pads to the back practice gym for Basketball.
16. Will add to other back gym for volleyball.

We voted for and management council passed an increase in scholarship for Volleyball from 12 to 13, Women’s Track from 18 to 20 and Women’s Soccer from 12 to 14.

We will continue to monitor our progress and have our consultant come in every three years.

**Coliseum and Stadium Re-seating Progress** (Sandy Smith)
Handout
Select a seat was first used for Basketball this year and went well. Starting today thru May 18 football reseating will be conducted.

Point Priority and Integrated Loyalty Ladder. This is the method that will be used to reseat Lane Stadium. It is simply referred to as the “Ladder”. All seats will be assigned in this order:
1. Pioneer (continuous season ticket purchase since 1966) will maintain current seat location, or they may go to Rank #3.
3. 38-35 years; donor and non-donor (since 1967 to 1970)
4. Golden Hokies
5. 34-30 year continuous season ticket purchases; donor and non-donor (1971 to 1975)
6. Silver Hokie
7. 29-25 year continuous season ticket purchases; donor and non-donor (1976 to 1980)
8. Faculty & Staff
9. Bronze Hokie
10. 24-20 years continuous season ticket purchases; donor and non-donor (1981 to 1985)
11. Orange and Maroon
12. 19-12 years continuous season ticket purchases; donor and non-donor (1986-1993)
13. Hokie Club with less than 12 years continuous season ticket purchases (since 1994)
14. Non-Donor with less than 12 years continuous season ticket purchase (since 1994)
15. Tickets in excess of priority limits and according to rank order in the ladder.

**New NCAA Academic Requirements** (Tim Parker)
Handout
The Academic Performance Rate is one component of the NCAA’s academic reform package. It is designed to be a real-time snapshot of a team’s academic performance. The APR is based on a point system, calculated by semester, and scored on a four-year rolling total. Objectives rewarded by the APR are: eligibility, retention, and graduation. Unlike graduation rates the
APR includes all student-athletes receiving any athletically-related financial aid from Virginia Tech. Inclusion in the APR calculation is determined on a term-by-term basis. Each semester, each student-athlete who receives athletics aid may earn two points. Eligibility point is earned if the student-athlete is eligible for competition at the start of the following semester. Retention point is earned if the student-athlete returns to Virginia Tech for the following semester. The NCAA has put in Contemporaneous Penalty. This occurs when the team’s APR is below the 925 cut score and a member of the team goes “0 for 2”. A student-athlete who receives neither the eligibility point nor the retention point for a given semester is said to be 0 for 2. In broad terms, the contemporaneous penalty is a restriction on a team’s ability to re-award the athletics grant-in-aid of a student-athlete who left Virginia Tech and would have been ineligible had he/she remained. In practical terms, the penalty is equal to the amount of athletics aid received by the “0 for 2” team member. Guidelines for Contemporaneous Penalties: The penalty incurred due to “0 for 2s, in any given academic year can never be more than 10% of that sport’s maximum NCAA financial aid limit. The aid-reduction penalty is taken off of the NCAA maximum, not the amount the team is actually awarding. Penalty must be applied at the “next available opportunity” The next available opportunity will be the academic year immediately following the student-athlete’s departure, unless the sport in question has signed scholarship commitments that do not permit the full application of the penalty. If the penalty is unable to be fully applied in the first year, the unapplied portion may be carried over to the next academic year. A safety zone for teams which are slightly-to-moderately below the 925 cut score is called a confidence interval. If the boundary on the “high end” of a team’s confidence interval is at or above 925, that team is safe from contemporaneous penalties for that year. The smaller the number of scholarship team members, the larger the confidence interval. The confidence interval is a temporary tool, providing a measure of fairness prior to the time that four-year data sets are available.

Questions for the Athletic Director (Jim Weaver)
No questions for Jim.

Joe Tront adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.