

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF VISITORS INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**CHARTER**

**Purpose of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee**

The primary purpose of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee shall be to assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities for oversight of the University's intercollegiate athletics program including but not limited to the following areas of athletics policy:

- Finances of the athletics programs, including budgeting, expenditures, and fund balances
- Student-athlete health and safety
- Admissions and academic policies for student-athletes including academic progress and integrity
- Institutional compliance with applicable rules and regulations, including those of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the Conference
- Ethical behavior
- Athletics personnel
- Athletic facilities, including capital expenditures and debt.

**Delegation**

The Board of Visitors has delegated administrative responsibility for the management and quality of the University's intercollegiate athletics program to the President and the Vice President & Director of Athletics.

The Board's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (Committee) in collaboration with the President and Vice President & Director of Athletics shall regularly monitor the University's intercollegiate athletics program (Program) and shall consider, among other items:

- Program consistency with the University's academic mission and strategies;
- Commitment to the academic success, and physical and social development of student-athletes;
- Commitment to the health, safety and welfare of student-athletes;
- Program quality and competitiveness;
- Equal opportunities for participation regardless of gender;
- Planning, including proposals for adding, modifying or discontinuing participation in individual sports programs, and the construction, removal and remodeling of athletic-facilities;
- Budgetary requirements for the Program;
- Athletic conference membership and realignment; and

- Compliance with NCAA and Conference rules and regulations, as well as applicable state and federal laws.

### **Composition and Independence**

The Committee will be comprised of three or more Visitors. In addition to complying with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Conflict of Interest laws and any University policies, each member must be free from any financial, family or other material personal relationship or interest that, in the opinion of the Board or the Committee members, would conflict with or impair a committee member's independence and fiduciary obligations to the University and the Program.

### **Responsibilities and Duties of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee**

In performing its oversight function, the Committee shall:

#### **A. General:**

1. Adopt a formal written charter that specifies the Committee's scope of responsibility. The charter should be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
2. Review and approve the annual Committee work plan and any significant changes to the plan.
3. Maintain minutes of meetings.
4. Report Committee actions to the Board of Visitors with such recommendations as the Committee may deem appropriate.
5. Become well acquainted with all information and pertinent facts under the purview of the Committee.
6. Maintain appropriate flexibility to address changing conditions and provide reasonable assurances to the Board that the Program is in compliance with NCAA and conference rules and regulations, as well as applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

#### **B. Specific Responsibilities.**

1. Monitor the alignment of the Program to the University's mission, priorities and strategic plans, to include a regular review of pertinent data and other information.
2. Monitor the finances and business model of the Program, including compensation, fundraising, capital expenditures and debt-service commitments.
3. Consider whether the Program's budget reflects the University's mission and priorities.
4. Provide advice and counsel to the President and the Vice President & Director of Athletics in their development of Program plans, goals and objectives.
5. Consider whether the Program is an effective focal point for school spirit, community building, and a positive contributor to the University's brand.
6. Consider whether the Program is appropriately responding to student-athlete interests and needs, including health and safety.

7. Ascertain whether the University is actively complying with NCAA and conference rules and regulations, as well as applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
8. Review significant findings and recommendations received from the NCAA, the conference, state auditors, and other review teams and obtain assurances that any recommendations and requirements will be addressed appropriately within designated timeframes.
9. Consider whether the University is assessing the quality of the Program and using the assessment for continuous improvement.

### **MEETINGS**

The Committee will meet at least four times annually. Additional meetings may occur more frequently as circumstances warrant.