



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

December 8, 2022

**James Branch Cabell Library
901 Park Avenue – Room 303
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. Tyrone Nelson, *Chair*
Mr. Todd Haymore, *Vice Chair*
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III, *Rector*
Ms. Carolina Espinal, *Vice Rector* (arrived at 2:14 p.m.)
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin
Dr. Clifton Peay
Ms. Alexis Swann (*virtual pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3708.2(B)(1) where the member's principal residence is over 60 miles from the meeting location*) – Yorktown, VA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Anthony Bedell
Mr. Edward McCoy

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. V. Dale Jones
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar

OTHERS PRESENT

President Michael Rao
Mr. Edward McLaughlin, Vice President and Director of Athletics
Ms. Chelsea Gray, Executive Director for Board and Executive Operations
Ms. Stephanie Hamlett, University Counsel
Presidential Cabinet of VCU
VCU students, faculty and staff
Members of the Media

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Tyrone Nelson, Chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Rev. Nelson mentioned the September 15 committee minutes were posted online and in BoardEffect. On a motion duly made and seconded the September 15, 2022 Intercollegiate Athletics Committee minutes were approved unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS REPORT

Mr. Ed McLaughlin, Vice President and Director of Athletics provided an athletics update. He recognized Makayla McGowan and her competitive successes including most outstanding field performer, A-10 championships 2021 & 2022. He shared academic success for Fall 2022 Women's sports programs including Track & Field / Cross Country Women's cumulative GPA was 3.18, Basketball 3.11, Field Hockey 3.67, Volleyball 3.39, Soccer 3.64, and Lacrosse 3.52. Men's sports programs academic successes included Track & Field / Cross Country cumulative GPA 2.91, Baseball 3.12, Basketball 2.81, and soccer 3.26.

Mr. McLaughlin also shared an update on the Athletics Village in which the master planning process has begun and shared a rendering.

Student-athlete conduct cases included 17 for the previous calendar year and Mr. McLaughlin presented the penalties that were given including education, community service, and continued drug testing (for marijuana offenders only).

Mr. McLaughlin previewed some of the potential changes to the national landscape of collegiate athletics, including changes to countable coaching staff members, removal of grant-in-aid limits and a new NCAA president.

Lastly, Mr. McLaughlin provided updated numbers on name, image and likeness numbers.

A copy of Mr. McLaughlin's presentation is attached and made a part hereof.

CLOSED SESSION

Rev. Nelson moved that the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University convene a closed session under Section 2.2-3711(A) (3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, specifically related to real property to be used in for Intercollegiate Athletics. The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously.

RECONVENED SESSION

Following the closed session, the public was invited to return to the meeting. Rev. Nelson called the meeting to order. After motion duly made and seconded the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution of Certification

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Rev. Tyrone Nelson, <i>Chair</i>	X	
Mr. Todd Haymore, <i>Vice Chair</i>	X	
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III, <i>Rector</i>	X	
Ms. Carolina Espinal, <i>Vice Rector</i>	X	
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin	X	
Dr. Clifton Peay	X	
Ms. Alexis Swann	X	

All members present responding affirmatively, the resolution of certification was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Rev. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

VCU Athletics

presented by Ed McLaughlin

December, 2022



VCU Athletics

- Competitive Success
- Academic Success
- Athletic Village
- Student-Athlete Conduct Report
- NCAA Changes
- Name, Image and Likeness
- Future Challenges

Competitive Success

- Makayla McGowan
 - Class of 2022 from Nokesville, Va.
 - A-10 nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year award
 - Most Outstanding Field Performer, A-10 Championships (2021 & 2022)
 - Three-time A-10 All-Academic Team
 - Three-time A-10 Champion
 - Twelve-time meet champion



Academic Success

- Academic Progress Rate
 - 2021-22: 984
 - 2020-21: 990
 - 2019-20: 987
 - 2018-19: 980
 - 2017-18: 984
- Graduation Success Rate
 - 2021-22: 92
 - 2020-21: 88
 - 2019-20: 92
 - 2018-19: 66
 - 2017-18: 82

Academic Success – Fall 2022

- **Women's sport programs**

- Track & Field/XC: 3.18
- Basketball: 3.11
- Field Hockey: 3.67
- Volleyball: 3.39
- Soccer: 3.64
- Lacrosse: 3.52

- **Men's sport programs**

- Track & Field/XC: 2.91
- Baseball: 3.12
- MBB: 2.81
- Men's soccer: 3.26

Athletic Village

- Athletics Village
 - Master planning process has started
 - Sports Backers Stadium
- Ballpark
 - City process
 - MLB deadline
 - VCU-specific facilities

Athletic Village



VCU ATHLETICS VILLAGE MASTER PLAN

AERIAL VIEW

Student-athlete Conduct

- Total conduct cases: 17
 - Marijuana: 5 (1 repeat case)
 - Underaged drinking: 3
 - Entering residence hall without a mask: 8
 - Violating RLH guest policy: 1
- Penalties
 - Education
 - Community service
 - Continued drug testing (marijuana offenders only)

NCAA Changes

- Presidential search
- Transformation Committee
 - Countable coaches
 - Transfer portal window
 - Grant-in-aid expansions

Name, Image and Likeness

- Total Transactions: 85
- Total Transaction Value: \$35,839.98
- Average Transaction Value: \$421.65

Future Challenges

- Athletic Village: impact of inflation
- Athletic development
- Cost of NCAA de-regulation
- Staff retention in support areas