



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

May 11, 2023

**James Branch Cabell Library
901 Park Avenue – Room 311
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA**

MINUTES

DRAFT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. Tyrone Nelson, *Chair*

Mr. Todd Haymore, *Vice Chair*

Mr. Anthony Bedell

Ambassador Carmen Lomellin

Mr. Edward McCoy

Dr. Clifton Peay, *virtual pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B)(4) personal matter where the member was unable to attend the meeting due to previous commitment – different location in Richmond, VA*

Ms. Alexis Swann

Mr. H. Benson Dendy III, *Rector*

Ms. Carolina Espinal, *Vice Rector*

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Vernon Dale Jones

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 1:55 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Re. Nelson mentioned the March 23, 2023 committee minutes were posted online and in

BoardEffect. On a motion duly made and seconded the March 23 2,2023 Intercollegiate Athletics Committee minutes were approved unanimously. The meeting minutes are posted at <https://bov.vcu.edu/meetings/minutes/>.

VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS REPORT

Mr. Ed McLaughlin, Vice President and Director of Athletics provided an athletics update. He recognized the VCU Men's Tennis team, Men's Golf team, and Track and Field for their successful seasons. He shared updated academic success for The committee acknowledged that the competitive and academic successes are very impressive.

Mr. McLaughlin also shared an update on the Athletics Village and the master planning process and shared a rendering. He mentioned that Phase 1 will begin in November.

Mr. McLaughlin addressed the NCAA changes, specifically the transfer portal. Currently there are 1,708 in the portal for Men's Basketball and 2,101 for Women's Basketball. 30 student athletes have departed with eligibility remaining and 106 (freshmen and transfers) have committed for next academic year. Currently VCU has had 5 transfers and 1 international freshman join the Men's Basketball team from the transfer portal. The committee recognized what the administration is dealing with and the advantages and difficulties that come with the portal.

Mr. McLaughlin provided updated numbers on name, image and likeness numbers. There have been a total of 115 with the average transaction value of \$439.18.

He provided an update on the DEI Strategic Op Plan. Currently three of seven senior leaders in athletics are from diverse backgrounds. Nine of twelve head coaches are from diverse backgrounds.

Lastly, he provided some future challenges including the impact of inflation on the Athletic Village, cost of NCAA deregulation and financial challenges, and conference realignment and media rights.

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	X	
Mr. Todd Haymore, <i>Vice Chair</i>	X	
Mr. Anthony Bedell	X	
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin	X	
Mr. Edward McCoy	X	
Dr. Clifton Peay	X	
Ms. Alexis Swann	X	
Mr. H. Benson Dendy III, <i>Rector</i>	X	
Ms. Carolina Espinal, <i>Vice Rector</i>	X	

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Rev. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A

VCU Athletics

presented by Ed McLaughlin

May, 2023



VCU Athletics

- Competitive Success
- Academic Success
- Athletic Village
- NCAA Changes – Transfer Portal
- Name, Image and Likeness
- DEI Strategic Op plan
- Future Challenges

Competitive Success

- Men's Tennis
 - Atlantic 10 Champions (sixth consecutive title)
 - NCAA Tournament as a team and singles (Charles Bertimon)
- Men's Golf
 - Ugo Malcor named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year
- Track and Field
 - Total individual champions: 10
 - Jaekob Vollbrecht, Most Outstanding Field Performer, three gold medals
 - Emmanuel Waller, Co-Most Outstanding Track Performer
 - Jocelyn Midkiff, Most Outstanding Field Performer, two gold medals
 - Lauryn Taylor, Most Outstanding Track Performer, three gold medals

Academic Success

- Academic Progress Rate
 - Measures eligibility and retention or graduation for student-athletes on all teams
 - Three programs have a multi-year rate of 1000 (Men's Tennis, Women's Cross Country and Field Hockey)
 - Six programs have a multi-year rate of 985 or better (Men's Golf, Men's Soccer, Men's Track & Field, Women's Basketball, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Soccer)
 - Eight programs have a single-year score of 1000 (Men's Cross Country, Men's Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Cross Country, Field Hockey, Women's Lacrosse, Women's Soccer, Women's Tennis)
 - Tied for third most single-year 1000's in VCU history
 - VCU's department-wide single year score of 984 is the fifth straight year of a single-year score being 980 or greater

Athletic Village

- Athletics Village
 - Site planning and preparation process

Athletic Village



VCU ATHLETICS VILLAGE MASTER PLAN

AERIAL VIEW

NCAA Changes – Transfer Portal

- Men's Basketball:
 - currently in the Portal: 1,708
 - at its height in 2021-22: 1,785
 - VCU men's basketball – 7
- Women's Basketball:
 - are currently in the Portal: 2,101
 - at its height in 2021-22: 2,153
 - VCU women's basketball – 1
- VCU student-athletes:
 - student-athletes departed with eligibility remaining: 30
 - student-athletes have committed for next academic year (freshmen and transfers): 106

Name, Image and Likeness

- Total Transactions: 115
- Total Transaction Value: \$50,505.97
- Average Transaction Value: \$439.18

DEI Strategic Op Plan

- VCU Athletics Senior Leadership
 - Three of seven senior leaders from diverse backgrounds
- VCU Head Coaches
 - 1st Black/African-American men's golf coach in D1 history
 - 1st Mexican-American women's lacrosse coach
 - Grade A of women's head coaches for women's programs
 - Nine of 12 head coaches from diverse backgrounds

Future Challenges

- Athletic Village: impact of inflation
- Athletic development
- Cost of NCAA de-regulation and financial challenges
- Conference realignment and media rights