



VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

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

**September 14, 2023  
VCU School of Business  
301 W Main Street  
Third Floor - Room B3187  
Richmond, VA**

**MINUTES**

**DRAFT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rev. Tyrone Nelson, *Chair*  
Dr. Clifton Peay, *Vice Chair*  
Mr. Anthony Bedell  
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin  
Mr. Ed McCoy  
Dr. Parris-Wilkins  
Mr. P2 Sandhu  
Mr. Todd Haymore, *Rector*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. H. Benson Dendy III

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Dale Jones  
Mr. Keith Parker

**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 May 11, 2023 committee minutes were posted online and in BoardEffect. On a motion duly made and seconded the minutes presented 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 presented to the committee. He reported that for 18 consecutive semesters the average GPA was at or above 3.0. The average Spring 2023 GPA was 3.327 with 42% on the Dean's list, 77% AD Honor Roll, and 64 students who had a 4.0 GPA. The graduation success rate has gone from 66 in 2018-2019 to 92 in 2021-2021 (2022-2023 numbers are pending and will be reported at a later meeting).

He recognized the competitive successes including championships since joining the A-10 and the number of NCAA appearances since joining the A-10. He shared the successes of a student athlete on the Women's Track team.

Mr. McLaughlin also shared financial and compliance successes, including a balanced budget in FY23 and zero Level I or Level II violations.

Mr. McLaughlin provided updated numbers on name, image and likeness numbers. There have been a total of 120 transactions with a total value of \$85,303.97.

Mr. McLaughlin addressed the conference realignment.

Lastly, he provided future challenges including the timeline for NCAA legislation changes, the Athletic Village, and Name, Imagine and Likeness legislation.

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.

<b><u>Vote</u></b>	<b><u>Ayes</u></b>	<b><u>Nays</u></b>
Rev. Tyrone Nelson, <i>Chair</i>	X	
Dr. Clifton Peay, <i>Vice Chair</i>	X	
Mr. Anthony Bedell	X	
Ambassador Carmen Lomellin	X	
Mr. Ed McCoy	X	
Dr. Parris-Wilkins	X	
Mr. P2 Sandhu	X	
Mr. Todd Haymore, <i>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 2:35 p.m.

# VCU Athletics

presented by Ed McLaughlin

*September, 2023*



# VCU Athletics Success

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- Academic Success
- Competitive Success
- Athletic Village
- Audit/Compliance
- Name, Image and Likeness
- Conference Realignment
- Future Challenges

# Academic Success

- Consecutive semesters at or above 3.0: 18
- Semesters at or above 3.0 before fall of 2012: 0
- Fall 2022: GPA 3.299
  - Dean's List (3.5 and higher): 43%
  - AD Honor Roll (3.0 and higher): 76%
  - 4.0 students: 68
- Spring 2023: GPA 3.327
  - Dean's List (3.5 and higher): 42%
  - AD Honor Roll (3.0 and higher): 77%
  - 4.0 students: 64

# Academic Success

- Academic Progress Rate
  - 2021-22: 984
  - 2020-21: 990
  - 2019-20: 987
  - 2018-19: 980
  - 2017-18: 984
- Graduation Success Rate
  - 2022-23: pending
  - 2021-22: 92
  - 2020-21: 88
  - 2019-20: 92
  - 2018-19: 66

# Competitive Success

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- Championships since joining A-10: 52 team and 121 individual
- NCAA appearances since joining A-10: 76
- Dominated the A-10 the last six years:
  - 2022-23: three championships, two teams and 10 individuals competed at NCAA Championships
  - 2021-22: four championships, one regular season title, three teams and nine individuals competed at NCAA Championships
  - 2020-21: six championships, four regular season titles and NCAA at-large appearance
  - 2019-20: one regular season title and one NCAA at-large appearance (all winter and spring canceled)
  - 2018-19: four championships, seven regular season titles and NCAA at-large appearance
  - 2017-18: five championships, three regular season titles and NCAA at-large appearance



# Competitive Success

- **Gundrun Hallgrimsdottir**
  - Junior Biology Major from Reykjavic, Iceland
  - Second-team All-American at 2023 NCAA Outdoor Championships
  - Three-time Atlantic 10 individual champion
  - Three-time NCAA qualifier
  - Won six meets
  - Holds Icelandic indoor national record for weight throw

# Audit and Compliance Success

- Financial success
  - Balanced budget in FY 23
  - Surplus budget every year but FY 20
  - Sound financial practices in annual budget audit
- Compliance success
  - Zero Level I or Level II violations
  - Eleven Level III or Level IV violations

## Name, Image and Likeness

- Total Transactions: 120
- Total Value: \$85,303.97
- Average Transaction Value: \$710.87
- Federal legislation (vs. current state law)

# Conference realignment

- Pac-12 changes
- Impact on VCU

# Future Challenges

- Timeline for NCAA legislation change
- Athletic Village
- Name, Image and Likeness legislation