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VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

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

December 7, 2023

**James Branch Cabell Library
901 Park Avenue – Room 311
Richmond, VA**

MINUTES

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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 2:02 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Rev. Nelson mentioned the September 14, 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/>.

VCU STUDENT ATHLETES

Mr. Ed McLaughlin, Vice President and Director of Athletics introduced VCU women’s basketball player Ms. Mykel Parham and VCU men’s basketball player Mr. Zeb Jackson to share what their experience has been like as student athletes. Both students are leaders in the athletic department, including Mykel’s position as President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. They shared where they transferred from, what year they are, and the reasons they transferred to VCU and what makes them like VCU. They addressed navigating the transfer portal and NIL, balancing how to be a student and an athlete on this platform, and how to conduct yourself in a more public role. They shared what a typical day’s schedule is like from practice, recovery/treatment, film, homework, and staying connected with friends and family. Each of them shared their goals and what they envision their futures to look like. They expressed how fortunate they are to have these opportunities and their appreciation for VCU.

The committee thanked Mykel and Zeb for being outstanding ambassadors for VCU as both students and athletes and expressed their commitment to supporting them and their teammates. The committee also recognized the great season both teams are having.

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	
Dr. Clifton Peay, <i>Vice Chair</i>	X	
Mr. Anthony Bedell	X	

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Mr. H. Benson Dendy, III	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 3:01 p.m.