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Board of Visitors

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

May 9, 2024

**James Branch Cabell Library
901 Park Avenue – Room 303
Richmond, VA**

MINUTES

DRAFT

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. Tyrone Nelson, *Chair*

Mr. H. Benson Dendy III

Ambassador Carmen Lomellin, *virtual pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3708.3(B)(3) where the member's principal residence is over 60 miles from the meeting location – Arlington, VA*

Mr. Ed McCoy

Dr. Parris-Wilkins

Mr. P2 Sandhu

Mr. Todd Haymore, *Rector*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Clifton Peay, *Vice Chair*

Mr. Anthony Bedell

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Chelsea Gray, *Executive Director of Board and Executive Operations*

Ms. Stephanie Hamlett, *University Counsel*

Mr. David Litton, *Interim Executive Director for Audit and Compliance Services*

Mr. Edward McLaughlin, *Vice President and Director of Athletics*

Members of the President's Cabinet

Members of the Media via livestream

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Tyrone Nelson, Chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Rev. Nelson mentioned the December 7, 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/>.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS UPDATE

Mr. Ed McLaughlin, Vice President and Director of Athletics introduced Head Men's Basketball Coach Ryan Odom. Coad Odom talked about his first season at VCU and highlighted areas of strengths and improvements for the team. He shared updates on player commitments and the very competitive recruiting visits that have taken place over the last few weeks. He emphasized that the upcoming year is big and that VCU has a positive national reputation. He spoke about Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) as well as the transfer portal. He thanked the board, president, and Mr. McLaughlin for their support. The board applauded Coach Odom for a great season and representing VCU.

Mr. McLaughlin then presented information about student athletes' academic success and spotlighted VCU's spring 2024 Atlantic 10 competitive successes. He recognized the competitive successes including three spring A-10 champions: Men's Tennis, Men's Golf, and Women's Track.

He continued by discussing the continuing NCAA challenges that include the transfer portal, NIL, NCAA deregulation, and U.S. Supreme Court cases. These challenges are things VCU is working on and watching every day.

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. 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.

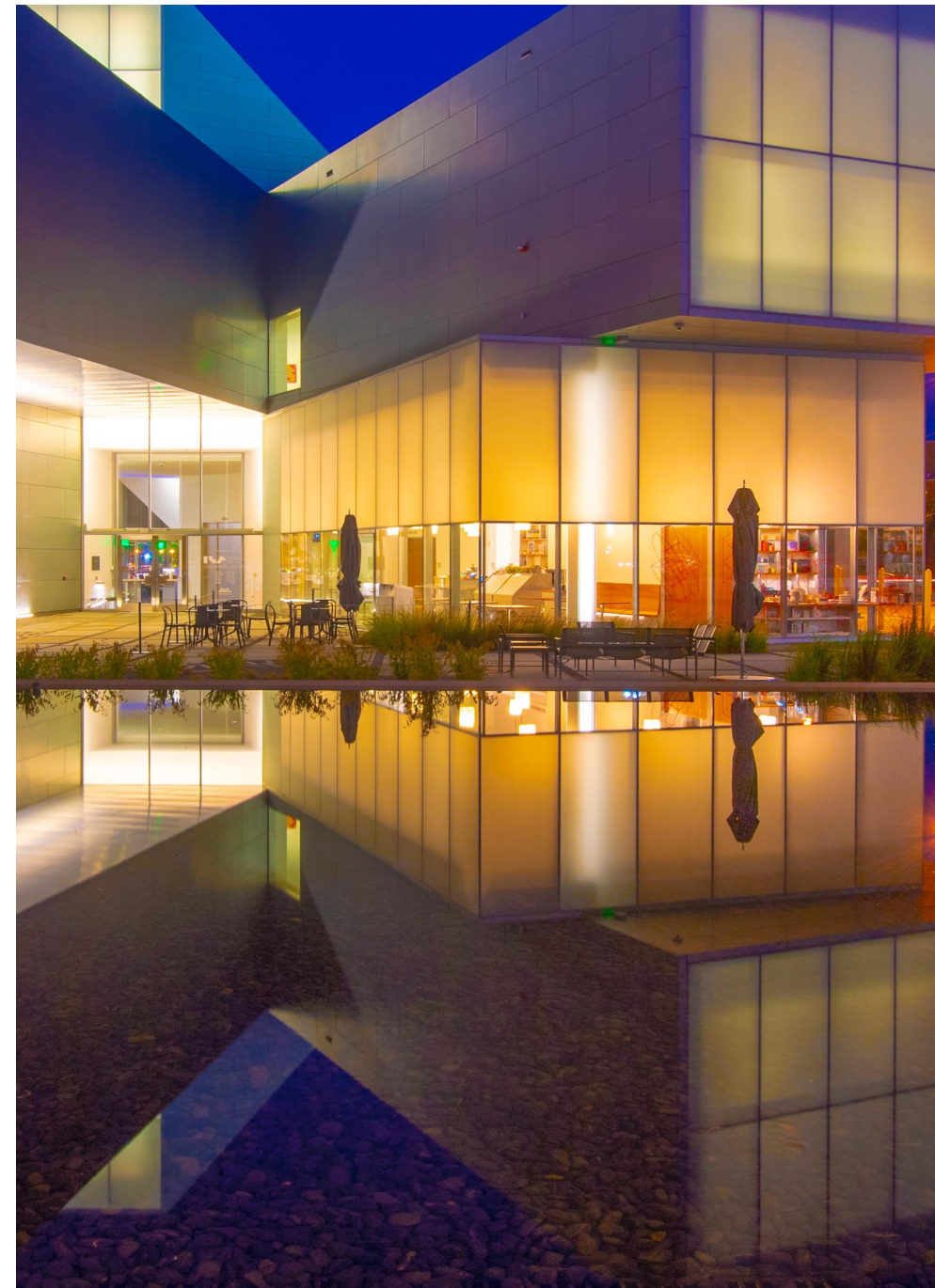
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Rev. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

Ed McLaughlin
Vice President & Director of Athletics

May 9, 2024



Open Session

Agenda

- Coach Ryan Odom, Head Men's Basketball Coach
- Academic Success
- Competitive Success
- NCAA issues
- Challenges

Academic Success

- Spring 2024 grades

Competitive Success

Three spring Atlantic 10 Champions:

- Men's Tennis: defeated Princeton in 1st round NCAA match
 - **Mathis Bondaz** (singles), **Oscar Pinto Sansano** and **German Samofalov** (doubles) all qualified for NCAA Individuals
- Men's Golf:
 - **Ugo Malcor** won individual medalist honors
 - **Grayson Wood** won Golfer of the Year and Rookie of the Year
- Women's Track:
 - **Jocelyn Midkiff** (Co-Outstanding Field Performer)
 - **Asia Powell** (Most Outstanding Track Performer)

NCAA Issues

- Transfer portal
- Name, Image and Likeness (NIL)
- NCAA Deregulation
- U.S. Supreme Court cases

Challenges

- Financial planning
- Strategic vision beyond FY 25

Closed Session

Other Business & Adjournment