

**OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF VISITORS
Athletics Committee
Thursday, June 14, 2018**

MINUTES

The Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors met on Thursday, June 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2206 in the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus. Present from the committee were:

Kay A. Kemper, Chair
Yvonne T. Allmond, Vice Chair
Carlton F. Bennett (*ex-officio*)
Lisa B. Smith (*ex-officio*)
R. Bruce Bradley
Larry R. Hill
Wood Selig

Also present were:

President Broderick	Amanda Skaggs
Ross Mugler	Ken Brown
Bob Tata	Rusty Waterfield
Toykea Jones	Jane Dane
Pam Kirk	Velvet Grant
Bob Corn	Giovanna Genard
Lisa Smith	Randale Richmond
Donna Scassera	Bruce Stewart
Maurice Slaughter	Jena Virga
Austin Agho	Drew Turner
Ellen Neufeldt	Ragean Hill
Greg DuBois	Earl Nance
Alonzo Brandon	September Sanderlin
Bruce Aird	Donna Meeks
Deb Swiecinski	Eileen Graham

Kay Kemper called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

I. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2017 MINUTES

Kay Kemper moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting and Bruce Bradley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all members present and voting.

II. OVERVIEW OF MEETING

Wood Selig began the meeting with an overview of the agenda with the following items being covered:

1. Student-Athlete Welfare
2. New Tax Bill and Impact on Athletics
3. Commission on College Basketball Report and Impact on Division I Men's Basketball
4. Women's Volleyball Update
5. Athletic Highlights 2017-18

III. STUDENT-ATHLETE WELFARE UPDATE

Randale Richmond, Sr. Associate Athletic Director for Compliance and Student-Athlete Welfare, reported on academic achievement and the importance of student-athlete services. He reviewed the academic goals that are currently set for the upcoming academic year (18-19):

1. A GPA of 3.0 for all individual student-athletes
2. APR of 985 (out of 1000) for scholarship student-athletes only
3. A four year APR score of a 960 or higher for all teams
4. A Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 85% (top 25% of C-USA)

Ragean Hill, Associate Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator, Student-Athlete Services defined academic advising as prescriptive and developmental. She noted that student-athletes meet with their advisors more often than they see their coaches. She reported that in 2016, a full assessment was conducted to review the budget and staffing and a new position was approved by President Broderick. Ragean reported on the Five Year Plan which includes sustainability, quality vs. quantity and engaging

student-athletes. She gave an overview of academic services for student-athletes:

1. Learning Objectives
2. Transition Programming
3. Educational Support Services
4. Tutor Services (40-50 tutors on staff)
5. Development Programming: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), Leadership Development (Monarch University), and Career Development

A review of academic success with 2017-18 statistics was reviewed. It was noted that ODU has had the most student-athletes on the Conference USA Commissioners Honor Roll for four years in a row. *ODU Athletics Firsts* (nationally) were recognized including three teams receiving recognition for a 4-year APR score in the top 10% of their sports (Baseball, Men's Basketball, and Women's Lacrosse).

Josh Mariner, MPA '18, football, was introduced as a student-athlete success story. Josh received his undergraduate degree from UCONN and transferred to ODU as a graduate student. He was heavily involved at ODU in SAAC. Josh was SAAC President at ODU in 2017-18 where he re-vamped the program by increasing community engagement and professional development. He credits ODU for inspiring him to get involved, advancing his leadership skills, and assisting him with professional development. Josh is currently holding an internship post-graduation.

IV. NEW TAX BILL IMPACT ON ATHLETICS

Jena Virga, Senior Associate Athletic Director, Old Dominion Athletic Foundation (ODAF) reported on the new tax bill and how it will effect charitable donations for purchasing tickets to sporting events. A meeting will be held on July 18, 2018 to review the proposed strategy which will involve ODU Staff, ODAF Committee Members, the ODAF Attorney, and ODAF Auditor.

Drew Turner, Associate Athletic Director, Old Dominion Athletic Foundation, review the plan and explained how they have done their research through webinars and conference calls with Lead 1, CASE, and Academic Impressions as well as conversations with peer institutions and tax advisors.

The key takeaway is that we must remain transparent and communicate properly to donors.

V. COMMISSION ON COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Dr. Wood Selig reported on the Commission on College Basketball Report and the summary of recommendations. The NCAA had no ties or input to this report. There are eight committees serving on the Commission and all the recommendations must be approved and implemented by the August 7/8th deadline.

VI. WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

Dr. Selig gave an update on the timeline of Women's Volleyball at ODU schedule to begin play in 2020. The timeline includes hiring of coaches in early 2019, recruiting, scheduling, the website, steering committee, and an update on the competition and practice area in the Jim Jarrett Athletic Administration building.

VII. ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2017-18

The Athletic Department received many accolades throughout the past year. A few to note:

1. Men's Soccer Team won the Conference USA Championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship
2. Men's Tennis won the Conference USA Championship and advanced to the first round of the NCAA Tournament
3. Four teams advanced to the NCAA Tournament

In closing, Dr. Selig noted that the Rowing Team has moved to the American Athletic Conference (AAC) and Lacrosse Team has moved to the Big East Conference.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.