

**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  
Ross Mugler  
Bob Tata  
Toykea Jones  
Pam Kirk  
Bob Corn  
Lisa Smith  
Donna

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 7/8<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**VI. WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL UPDATE**

Dr. Selig gave an update on the timeline of Women's Volleyball at ODU

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.