

MINUTES

University Committee on Athletics
Bowman Room, Cassell Coliseum
October 5, 1988
3:00 p.m.

- Dr. Robertston called the meeting to order with 17 members of the committee present. Mr. Ridenour, Mr. Braine, and Dr. Killough were absent.
- Copies of the minutes of the September 16 meeting had been mailed to the members. There was one correction; Dr. Landrum Cross will be serving as secretary instead of Dr. S.J. Ritchey.
- Dr. Robertson introduced and welcomed Mr. Jerry Via, Academic Counselor for Athletics, to the committee and he was asked to explain his duties and answer questions from the committee members.
- Mr. Via stated that the supervision of the academic advising office lies with the Provost Office even though they are housed in the Athletic Dept.
- Some of the functions of the Academic Advising Office are: placement and diagnostic testing, tours, personal interviews, attending summer orientation, operate a study hall program, offer tutoring and monitoring of students gpa, # of hours taken, major status and progress toward their degree. There were several questions concerning a waiver that students sign giving academic office access to their grades and progress. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Robertson asked Mr. Via to follow up with Dr. Perry's letter to student athletes concerning the monitoring of their grades. Dr. Nielson also asked Mr. Via to provide the university with a list of definitions of student athlete for monitoring purposes.
- Steve Horton, Asst. Athletic Director for Compliance, who has worked with the NCAA headquarters will be the speaker for the November 2 meeting.
- Rector fieldhouse leaks are in the process of being repaired. The committee should be able to resume their tour of the athletic facilities.
- Dr. Robertson stated that the topic of concern at the staff meetings have been misbehavior at Lane Stadium. He stated that meetings are taking place in hopes to correct this unfortunate situation.
- Dr. Cross stated he had talked with Mike Jones of the Virginia Tech police and he stated that everything seemed to be going smoother.

- Dr. Nielsen who is on the Tech Pride Committee stated that this committee had done several things to try to help solve this misbehavior problem. They include: cameras installed on the East stands, new sound system installed to try to get students involved with the cheers, and a letter mailed to student leaders encouraging better fan behavior. This committee consists of athletic department officials, VT police, students, and administrators.
- Dr. Robertson announced that he had received a call from Ralph McPhillen of the Metro Conference in Atlanta stating that Tulane University had reapplied to the Metro Conference for readmission.
- Ms. DeBord asked the chair the procedure to follow in submitting items for the agenda for the next meeting. Dr. Robertson announced that he would make up a formal agenda for the committee before the November meeting.