

MINUTES
University Committee on Athletics
Bowman Room, Cassell Coliseum
December 7, 1988
3:00 p.m.

- o Dr. Robertson called the meeting to order and welcomed the committee members.
- o Copies of the minutes of the November 2, 1988 meeting were distributed. Dr. Robertson commented on items 4 and 6 regarding the possibility of a 12th football game. He noted that at a Metro Conference fall meeting there was not much support for this 12th game and it probably would not pass. Dr. Nielsen noted that the minutes should reflect that at the December 7 meeting committee members would be discussing the major issues to be voted on by the NCAA. With no further discussion, motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with unanimous approval.
- o Mr. Braine stated that the NCAA final report had come back and everything was in order. We have finalized our appeals regarding the sanctions against football and basketball and it is on the President's desk for signature. It will be mailed to NCAA after Dr. McComas has signed the report.
- o Mr. Horton commented further on this report. He stated that the report was written highlighting two basic areas, football and basketball, and a cover letter asking Commission to reconsider the penalties imposed. For football we are requesting the sanction to be modified to change the scholarship numbers from 25-85 to 20-90. For basketball, we are asking for reconsideration of the penalty not to participate in post season competition.
- o Dr. Nielsen stated that he thought each of the members of the committee should receive a copy of the report as soon as it is signed by the President and mailed to NCAA. Dr. Robertson said this could be arranged as long as permission was received from the President.
- o Mr. Braine stated that a drug education program had been instituted for all of the athletes. This program includes topics such as alcohol, drugs, NCAA program, and antibiotic steroids. Each athlete will be attending six 2-hour segments between now and the end of the year. At the end of the semester the program will be videotaped for the library.
- o Mr. Braine also noted that they had applied with the NCAA to be a part of their steroid testing program this year and hope to expand to include other sports besides football. They hope to have the testing done on campus or at UVA to save cost.

- o Mr. Braine stated that they had added a full time coach to the womens basketball program. He encouraged everyone to get out and support the team.
- o Mr. Braine distributed copies of the NCAA general information brochure to the committee members for their information.
- o At this time Dr. Robertson welcomed Jerry Via, Academic Counselor for Athletics. Mr. Via distributed a sheet with general information on graduation rates from Tech for scholarship athletes. On this sheet it shows in 1982 out of 24 entering, 25% graduated after 4 years. At the present, the rate is 46.8% after 4 years. Also on the sheet is a chart showing the retention of scholarship football players. For the entering class of 1984, the percentage is 31.8 after graduation. At the present we do not have any figures but will pass them along to the committee members once they are received. One of the most important things to note is the freshman retention chart. For the 1984 class, the percent returning is 77, for the 1987 class the percent returning is 90.
- o Dr. Ryland Webb suggested that since Mr. Via was here that he would like to discuss again the issue concerning student consent on their grade progress. He noted that he had read a copy of the Buckley Amendment and had also checked the memo that came from John Perry and was still convinced that technically we are not given the right to provide information about the student's progress. Dr. Webb requested that Mr. Via's office provide an interpretation on this matter.
- o Dr. Robertson stated that the NCAA would convene the second week in January. He noted that there were 147 proposals this year(which is down) to be considered that pertain to every aspect of intercollegiate activity. These proposals will be narrowed down to 3-4 major proposals.
- o Dr. Nielson inquired as to how the committee could help in regards to voting on these issues. He stated that he felt the committee should be consulted on some of the issues. Karen DeBord also expressed her interest in helping out on this matter. Most of the members agreed that the committee does exist to provide input on matters of this nature and that they wanted to be a part.
- o At this time, Mr. Braine agreed to provide members with copies of the 147 proposals to be voted on highlighting some of the major issues pertaining to Division I. Dr. Robertson scheduled a meeting on January 5, 1989 to meet with the committee to get their input on these issues.
- o Mr. Jeff Bourne, Business Manager for Athletics, was introduced at this time. Mr. Bourne distributed copies of the 88-89 Budget for Athletics and also a Budget Comparison for Non-Revenue Sports for 87-88 vs. 88-89. After discussing these sheets, there was a question and answer session from the group.