

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
March, 2011

Present: Robert Lineburg, Robbie Davis, Susan Miller, Donald Samson, Eric Vest, Rhonda Mah, Betty Dore

Robert Lineburg reported spring sports are underway. Baseball off to a good start. Softball strong for everyone except Kristen who tore her knee up. Track is doing well. WBB 10-4 (March 2) and in second place. MBB came off the worst season in school history.

Will be beginning the Athletic Certification – very significant study. Assignments will come out of the President's office. This committee needs to help with this.

Norlene may still be able to chair the committee. We are doing our Cycle 3 certification. Need to provide them with files, resources, etc. We provide the information and then Big South will give the final report. Eighteen months wait. Last time in Cycle 2 we had to make significant changes. Still got the OK.

Robert reported he is on the committee for the new fitness center and it is going to be fantastic. Discussed having the contractor set up a camera so everyone can see what is going on as they progress.

Robbie Davis - Division 1 Academic Progress Rate (APR). Information is very early. Fed Rate, GSR, is a snapshot into the past – 6 years behind us.

APR – public report looks similar to this from last year. They publish the multi-year rate. Schools need to maintain a 925 or better. Tennis actually needs an adjustment because their numbers are so low. They are actually above 925. Looking for 80% graduation rate. Most of our teams do very well at this. Score is based on eligibility/graduation and retention. Are they graduating or staying in good academic standing. Scholarship – good for four points (2 retention and 2 eligibility/graduation). Biggest concern is Men's BB.

Susan Miller - Evan Faulkner on the Big South All-Academic Team.

Ed Ferguson, RU alum, is in Afghanistan and has requested soccer balls, volley balls, etc. Also sending foodstuffs. Will be collecting the week of 3/14-18 and hope to send at least 20 boxes for soldiers and Afghanistan peoples.

Supt of Radford City Schools would like permission to bring 2nd graders to the pool for 50 minutes per day for swimming. Robert will talk to Randy Jarman.

Susan reminded folks Eric Hall will be with the Globetrotters on March 3.

Donald Samson – Contacted the website director for RU. Trying to get more diversity on front page. Suggested the changing the pictures on the portal – empty building site and bowling are not very impressive. How about students doing athletics? Talked with Lura Gordon and then Meagan Bishop. Not much success.

Robert Lineburg said Patrick Reed does the Athletic site, RU TV, and is doing great work on this site.

Sports club organizations are funded according to a check list of obligations. Would like to find a way to give them points for attending athletic events. This would count toward their funding.

Eric Vest – Baseball lights should be done fairly quickly. Grandstand will be completed on time. April 8 – Official Opening Day – Night game - Invite alums, etc. New supervisor in place on athletic site – Dan Huckenstein. Few equipment issues, but this is getting cleared up. **Don Samson** asked if there was any regularity whereby he could get into Cupp to exercise and was told those gates are checked and locked by RU police regularly.

Rhonda Mah – Tax time for athletes. Getting forms out to them and helping them fill them out..

Betty Dore – Has been assigned to two committees – Progress Toward Degree – which will require a conference call every Tuesday at 3:30 to discuss cases. Also on Peer Evaluation Committee – finished training Wednesday, March 2. This should be a big help when RU goes for the Athletic Certification. Question: How can we get more publicity for our athletes? The women are doing great and we get about an inch after the game – even when Da’Naria scored 30 points!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6, 8 am. Place TBA