

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 6, 2011

Present: Robbie Davis, Stephanie Ballein, Susan Miller, Donald Samson, Eric Vest, Josh Tessar, and Betty Dore Robert Lineburg was ill.

**Robbie Davis/Stephanie Ballein (for Robet Lineburg)** Baseball Grand Opening at 6 PM on Friday, April 8, 2011. Events begin at 5:00 PM. Family event – lots of activities for children, food vendors, games, etc. This has been a really phenomenally collaborative effort.

Baseball lost to UVA 2-0 – UVA is tops in the country.

New feature for athletics is *Highlander Happenings Live* on Mondays at noon at the Bonnie. April 4 featured the Men's Baseball team. Monday, April 11 will feature the Women's Softball team. There are prizes for students and they get to ask the team members questions.

Chelsea Kelley has been nominated for the Lowe's Senior Class Award and is a finalist. There is an opportunity to vote daily on the Athletics webpage. The popular vote counts 1/3 toward the final tally.

The Student-Athlete Support Services has nominated the following students for RU awards:

Brian Gwanzura – Unsung Hero (Boots for Brian)  
Kellie Snooks – Outstanding Student, Sr. Excellence, Who's Who  
Kathleen Jarvis – Sr. Excellence  
Chelsea Kelly – Sr. Excellence

Sean Domer broke school records with his javelin throw at Liberty. Nominated for Christenberry Award.

Brian Gwanzura has made USA Jr. Nationals

Chelsea has been nominated as Woman of the Year.

**Robbie Davis** Upcoming National Letter of Intent opening again. The last opening of the year. Open ended until August. Compliance meeting with all coaching staff on Friday, April 8. Head coaches meeting after that. Also on April 8 – software company who is putting in a bid for software which will make it easier for staff such as Stephanie Ballein to do mid-term grades. There are several forms of software being considered.

**Stephanie Ballein** Relay for Life – many teams participating. April 23/24 – Special Olympics run by Track and Field. Bad weekend with it being Easter and Quadfest. Police are coming in before Quadfest to talk to student athletes. Anyone who wants to participate is welcome. Contact Stephanie Ballein.

**Susan Miller** – Collection for Ed Ferguson has been amazing. Volleyball donated 14 gently used balls. Soccer said they donate mostly to Haiti. Ed has only received three of the eight packages sent, so holding off a little to see if he gets the rest. From now on they will be numbered. Appreciate the outreach in supporting this project.

In regard to the swimming proposal, Randy Jarman was already talking to Rob Graham, Assistant Supt.

Susan's daughter works at Wake Forest and has coordinated a way for folks to vote for Chelsea Kelley.

Susan will have students e-mail Stephanie about participating in Special Olympics.

**Don Samson** Questioned whether some departments cooperate better than others regarding mid-term grades. Is there something some faculty might do to help.

**Stephanie** said this has been the worst term. Faculty have been really good about mid term information, it is the final grades she is missing. **Robbie Davis** said we need to talk to Registration about announcing mid-term grade lists. Don said he announced the Baseball Grand Opening in class and is offering extra credit for those who attend.

Another subject Don wanted to discuss was the three strikes system. What if an a student gets the third strike off campus – consequences still in effect – but is later found not guilty and acquitted, how come the three strikes still count?

A rumor going around about getting artificial turf by sports clubs on campus. Any information? Everyone agreed this was wish list thinking. Heard Mark Shandley was exploring it, but it is just a rumor.

**Eric Vest** - It's crunch time for baseball. Cleaning and last minute details. There has been some flooding, but not as bad as before.

**Josh Tessar** - No real report. Just out there trying to find the money tree. **Don Samson** asked what it cost to get a tree planted as a memorial. Was told it was \$1,000 for the tree, transport, planting, plaque, etc.

**Betty Dore** - Have approximately 64 exit interviews/surveys to do with senior student athletes. Should have several completed at the end of this week.

**Susan Miller** noted the softball game between Winthrop and Liberty was on ESPNU. Wondered about RU and was reminded RU was on last year.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, April 27, 8:00 AM – Place TBA**

