UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
ATHLETICS COUNCIL
CHARTER

Purpose
The Athletics Council ("Council") shall advise the President of the University in matters relating to the proper development, oversight, and control of the University of Richmond intercollegiate athletics program. The Council shall also advise on the strategic direction of the program and monitor implementation of any strategic plan. The Council shall be kept abreast of issues relating to the welfare of student-athletes, the academic performance of student-athletes (including retention and graduation rates), the competitive status of programs, compliance and controls, resources and budget, facilities, and conference affiliations. The Council shall also be informed of any significant policy changes enacted by the NCAA or conferences that affect the University’s program. The Council’s performance of its duties shall conform with applicable regulations of the NCAA.

Composition
In keeping with Article 6, section 1.2 of the NCAA Constitution (Institutional Governance), administrators and or faculty shall constitute at least a majority of Council members. An administrator is defined by the NCAA as “an individual employed by the institution as a full-time administrative staff member who holds an academic appointment, is directly responsible to the institution’s President or Chancellor or serves as a chief administrative official (e.g., admission director, finance officer . . . or athletics department head).”

Faculty and Administrators
The following shall serve ex officio: the Faculty Athletics Representative; the five faculty members nominated by the Committee on Committees and elected by the University Faculty as members of the Faculty Athletics Committee; the Provost (or designee); the Vice President for Student Development; the Vice President for Enrollment Management (or designee); the President’s Chief of Staff; and the Athletic Director.

Students
The Council shall have three student members, appointed by the University President. The student members shall be the President or other member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; a representative of Westhampton College; and a representative of Richmond College. Student members shall serve one-year terms and be eligible for re-appointment to serve one additional one-year term (for a total of two years).

Trustees/Emeriti
The Council shall have at least one member who is a current member of the Board of Trustees and at least one member who is a Trustee Emeritus or Emerita. These members shall be appointed by the President and shall serve one-year terms and be eligible for re-appointment to serve up to two additional one-year terms (for a total of three years).

Alumni
The Council shall have at least one member who is an alumnus or alumna of the University. Alumni members shall be appointed by the President and shall serve one-year terms and be eligible for re-appointment to serve up to two additional one-year terms (for a total of three years).

Additional Members
The President may from time to time appoint other members to the Council as needed.

Terms
Terms shall coincide with the University’s fiscal year (July 1 to June 30).
Voting
All members of the Council, including *ex officio* members, shall be full voting members.

Chair
As specified by the NCAA, an administrator or faculty member shall serve as Chair of the Council. The Chair shall be appointed by the University President and shall ordinarily be the University’s Faculty Athletics Representative.

Committees
The President of the University or Chair of the Council may appoint committees of the Council with such special duties as needed.

Meetings
The Council shall hold at least two meetings each academic year except when dispensed with by vote of the Council. Additional meetings may be called by the President or Chair. A majority of the administrative and faculty members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. A written record shall be kept of each meeting and provided to the Council no later than the date of the next Council meeting.

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