



BOARD OF VISITORS

Athletics Committee

June 11, 2026

MINUTES

The Athletics Committee of the Board of Visitors of Old Dominion University met on Thursday, June 11, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Kate and John Broderick Dining Commons. Present from the Committee were:

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Dennis M. Ellmer, Chair
Elza H. Mitchum, Vice Chair
P. Murry Pitts (*ex officio*)
Peter G. Decker, III, Esq.
Susan Allen
Cade Franklin (Student Representative)

Absent from the Committee:

Andrew Hodge (*ex officio*)

Also present from the Board:

Robert S. Corn
E.G. (Rudy) Middleton
Juan Montero II, MD
Charlene A. Moring, Esq.
The Honorable Kenneth R. Plum
Bruce L. Thompson
Claire Wulf Winiarek, Ph.D.
D.R. (Rick) Wyatt

Also present were:

President Brian O. Hemphill, Ph.D.	Tom Odom
Alfred Abuhamad, MD	Kimberly Osborne
Austin Agho, Ph.D.	Brian Payne, Ph.D.
Alyshia Allison	Stacey Percil
Brynn Bowen	Austin Phillips
Alonzo Brandon	Stacy Purcell, Ph.D.
Danielle Cohea	Ricky Rahne

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Kieran Donohue	Chad Reed
Rick French	Michael Reutt, Ed.D.
Annie Gibson	Will Roberts
Annamarie Ginder, Esq.	Nina Rodriguez Gonser
Adam Henken	Tina Russell
Brandi Hephner LaBanc, Ed.D.	September Sanderlin
Aaron Hodnett	Ashley Schumaker
Stephanie Jenelle	Camden Wood Selig, Ed.D.
Mary Jo Karlis	Bruce Stewart
LaToya Jordan	Fred Tugas, Ed.D.
Susan Kenter Ph.D.	Nicole Turner
Mike LaRock	Jena Virga
Amy Lynch	Sarah Walker
Ron Moses	JaRenae Whitehead
	Allen Wilson, Esq.

- I. Call to Order – Committee Chair Dennis M. Ellmer called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes – Upon a motion made by Rector P. Murry Pitts and seconded by Peter G. Decker, the minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on December 11, 2025 as presented were approved by all members present and voting.
- III. 2025-2026 Academic & Community Engagement Highlights
Amy Lynch, Associate Athletics Director for Academic Services and Student Success

Dr. Camden Wood Selig, Director of Athletics, introduced Amy Lynch to the committee. Associate Athletics Director Lynch presented academic and community service achievements for the 2025-26 academic year. Old Dominion University student-athletes earned a cumulative GPA of 3.359, marking the highest departmental GPA on record and the sixth consecutive year the department has established a new record. Women's Tennis posted the highest team GPA with a 3.692, while Men's Swimming led all men's programs with a 3.559 cumulative GPA.

Several student-athletes were recognized for their academic accomplishments. Women's Soccer student-athlete Katie McCormick was named the Sun Belt Conference Postgraduate Scholarship recipient. Rowing student-athlete Maddie Enns earned Co-Big 12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors, and Men's Tennis student-athlete Piet Steveker was recognized as a Second Team CSC Academic All-American.

Fifteen programs had student-athletes named to the CSC Academic All-District Team Women's Soccer (6), Men's Swimming (4), Women's Swimming (4), Women's Tennis (4), Volleyball (3), Field Hockey (3), Football (3), Men's Tennis (2), Baseball (2), Men's Golf (2) and one from Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Lacrosse, Rowing, and Women's Golf. Field Hockey also set the record for members on the NFHCA Academic Squad.

Associate Athletics Director Lynch also presented the department's community service results for the academic year. Old Dominion student-athletes completed 12,619 hours of community service, ranking fourth nationally according to NCAA and Helper Helper data. Women's Swimming, Sailing, and Men's Soccer each ranked first nationally among programs in their

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respective sports for community service hours completed. Graduating senior swimmer Lilly Cleal was recognized as the national leader in community service hours among Division I student-athletes.

IV. 2025-2026 Athletics Success Dr. Camden Wood Selig, Director of Athletics

Dr. Selig presented the notable athletic accomplishments and updates from the department and student-athletes over the past year. Women's Soccer finished the season with a 11-3-4 record with wins over Virginia Tech and Maryland. Head Coach Angie Hinds retired following the season and Will Roberts was hired as the new head coach joining Old Dominion University from UL-Monroe. Mr. Will Roberts was introduced and spoke on his background and previewed the upcoming season.

Football:

- Finished 10-3 overall, 6-0 at home
- Won the 2025 StaffDNA Cure Bowl
- Finished #34 in the AP Poll at the end of the season (Highest finish ever)
- Set single season records for rushing yards (3,098), rushing yards per game (238.3) and yards per carry (5.6) and tied school records for interceptions (15) and sacks (39)
- The team allowed less than seven points four times, which was a school record
- Upset Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, 45-26
- The 33-0 victory over Troy on ESPN National Television was the most watched game between Sun Belt Conference opponents all season and was Troy's first time being shut out in conference
 - o 509,000 viewers for ODU vs. Troy on ESPN
 - o 252,000 viewers for SportsCenter live from Kaufman Mall
- Overall, the team had six games on National TV with two at home

Women's Basketball finished the year 18-14 with En'Dya Buford earning All-Sun Belt Conference honors. The staff has undergone changes following the season with the addition of three new staff members. Men's basketball finished 12-21 and defeated JMU for the first time since 2018. The men's basketball staff also underwent changes with the addition of two new coaches hired. Women's Tennis won their sixth-straight conference championship and fourth-straight Sun Belt title. This was their seventh-straight NCAA tournament appearance, making them one of 21 schools with seven-straight NCAA tournaments. Head Coach Dominic Manilla was named the Sun Belt Coach of the Year for the fourth year in a row. This is his seventh time being honored with Coach of the Year (C-USA Coach of the Year in 2019, 2020, 2021). Men's Tennis won their fourth-straight Sun Belt Championship and advanced to the round of 32 in the NCAA championship for the first time since 2007. Head Coach Dominik Mueller won coach of the year for the second-straight year, and the team swept the Sun Belt awards for the year. In Women's Golf, Barbara Car represented Old Dominion University at the NCAA Championships after winning the Sun Belt Conference Individual Championship. She finished tied for 38th and is the second women's golf student-athlete to win the individual championship in four years. Head Men's Golf Coach, Dr. Murray Rudisill retired following 51 years leading the men's golf program. Austin Phillips has been hired as the men's golf coach and joins Old Dominion University after serving as the head coach at the University of North Alabama. Austin was introduced and he shared his background and past coaching experiences. The rowing

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program had one of the best years they have had competing in the Big 12 conference finishing fourth overall and beating Kansas State. Baseball finished the season 29-26 with wins over #8 Southern Miss at home and twice over then #8 Coastal Carolina in Conway. Freshman, Ben Tanton was honored as Second Team Freshman All American. Swimming finished the year with numerous records broken and three student-athletes earning top three honors at the Atlantic Sun Championships.

Old Dominion University student-athletes earned several major conference honors during the 2025-26 academic year. Ashlynn Kulha (Women's Soccer) was named Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year, Colton Joseph (Football) earned Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year honors, and Adam Majchrzak (Men's Tennis) was selected as the Sun Belt Conference Men's Tennis Player of the Year. In addition, Bryce Mortimer (Men's Swimming) won the Sun Belt Conference championship in the 200 Breaststroke, and Barbara Car (Women's Golf) captured the Sun Belt Conference Individual Championship.

Across the department, Old Dominion University posted a strong run of ranked wins during the 2025-26 season. The women's soccer team defeated #20 Virginia Tech 2-1, while the men's tennis team blanked #42 Penn 4-0. The baseball program also had a standout stretch, beating #8 Southern Miss 10-8 and winning a pair of games at #8 Coastal Carolina by scores of 6-3 and 9-2. Rounding out the highlights, the men's soccer team battled to ties against #12 Marshall and #18 Kentucky. Overall, the department saw eight power-four wins with women's soccer team beating Maryland 2-0 and Virginia Tech 2-1, while the football team pulled off a road upset at Virginia Tech. The volleyball squad battled past NC State in a five-set thriller, 3-2. On the tennis courts, the women's team defeated Wake Forest 5-2 and won on the road at Kansas, 4-2, while the men's team picked up tight victories over Utah (4-3) and Virginia Tech (4-3).

The 2025-26 year showed great ticket sales success. The football program finished 6th in average attendance to capacity and saw net ticket sales revenue at \$2.413 Million. The student support was equally as impressive with an average of 3,003 attending games and 3,422 average attending games when school was in session (removing the Georgia State game on November 29). Because of that, the department has shifted the seating chart around and added 756 seats for students on the east sideline. Dr. Selig acknowledged Dr. Brandi Hephner LaBanc and her team for their support in increasing student engagement at football and all athletic events. Men's Basketball finished first in average attendance with women's basketball finishing second in the Sun Belt Conference. Overall, the department streamed 88 ESPN+ events. Old Dominion University Sports Properties ended the fiscal year with \$2.5 Million in revenue.

With the support of President Hemphill, the Athletics Department hosted its first-ever Head Coach Academy in April on the EVMS campus. The academy brought in Dr. Derrick Gragg, Luke Fedlam, Esq., Dr. Ryan Klinger and Dr. Sonja Lund to spend time with every head coach to help them grow and concluded with a focus on the department's Top 4 Priorities.

Dr. Selig closed by sharing that Ms. Lauren Gunning has been hired as the new head coach for the Lacrosse program. He shared that she is joining Old Dominion University from the University of Southern California, University of Connecticut and the University of Cincinnati.

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- V. Old Dominion University Athletics Nutrition Center
Brynn Bowen, Lacrosse Student-Athlete

Dr. Wood Selig shared an update on the Old Dominion University Athletics Nutrition Center following its opening in January in Whitehurst Hall. He shared that 450 meal plans were purchased and the facility served 20,851 total meals to the student-athletes and department staff members.

Dr. Selig introduced Lacrosse Student-Athlete, Brynn Bowen, who graduated in May with her degree in Sports Management and will be returning next year to begin her postgraduate studies and compete on the Lacrosse team. Ms. Bowen shared the impact the nutrition center had on her nutritional development, the development of the culture of the team and the experience it provided to all student-athletes. The center became a place of comfort and community for all student-athletes.

- VI. Old Dominion University Athletic Foundation Update
Dr. Camden Wood Selig, Director of Athletics

The Old Dominion University Athletic Foundation raised \$17,383,592 in the 2025 Calendar Year, almost doubling the total in 2024. The fiscal year totals are over \$13 million compared to the \$10 Million goal. To date, ODAF has raised \$11.2 Million of the \$12 Million needed when added to the \$12 Million contributed by President Hemphill. The purchase of the Riverfront Golf Course and improvement to the facilities for the golf programs will cost \$8.3 Million and ODAF has raised \$6 Million to date. ODAF currently has 19 donors who are on the “M Society” group and added 5 new endowed scholarships within the past year.

- VII. Football Program Update
Mr. Ricky Rahne, Thurmond Family ODU Head Football Coach

Mr. Ricky Rahne spoke and shared an update on the football program. He thanked President Hemphill, Rector Pitts and Dr. Selig for their support of the football program and student-athletes. The football program was one of three teams in the past three seasons to have a .500 or better record during that time. The student support has been noticeable and made the environment noticeable for a home atmosphere. The football program has finished 10 of the 13 seasons with a 3.00 GPA or better and this could not be done without the effort and support of the academic staff. The football program has 54 new incoming student-athletes. The program lost 20 guys in the transfer portal and made \$5.1 million in new contracts when totaling up their revenue share contracts. The program has focused this summer on financial education for the student-athletes.

- VIII. 2026 Jeff and Billye Chernitzer ODU Athletics Hall of Fame
Dr. Wood Selig, Director of Athletics

Dr. Selig shared the inductees for the 2026 Old Dominion University Sports Hall of Fame. The class will include Maggie Simmermacher (women’s golf), Tim Hopkinson (men’s soccer), Sarah Breen (field hockey), Taylor Heinicke (football), and Daniel Hudson (baseball). The inductees will be recognized during the Jeff & Billye Chernitzer Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony on Sept. 25 at Chartway Arena, beginning with a 6 p.m. cocktail

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reception followed by a 7 p.m. dinner and induction ceremony. They will then be honored at the football game the following day against James Madison.

IX. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.