BOARD OF VISITORS
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

Athletics Committee Meeting
September 16, 2026
Merten Hall 1201

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Trevor Montano (Virtual), Vice Chair Jim Moran, Rector Sumeet Shrivastava, Visitor Jon Peterson, Visitor Greg Scindler, Visitor Jennifer Taylor, Visitor Armand Alacbay, Visitor Tom Davis, Faculty Representative Domonique Banville, Faculty Representative Ali Weinstein;

ABSENT: N/A

ALSO PRESENT: Vice Rector Anne Altman, Staff Representative Marvin Lewis; Graduate Student Representative Nilima Hakim Mow; Undergraduate Student Representative Griffin Crouch; President Gregory Washington; Faculty Senate President Solon Simmons; Staff Senate Chair Rachel Spence; and Jay Highsmith, Secretary pro tem.

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Moran called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Vice Chair Moran stated that Chair Montano had requested remote participation for personal reasons. Visitor Davis moved to approve Chair Montano's remote participation. The motion was seconded and approved.

II. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

Hearing no corrections, the Committee approved the minutes of the April 30, 2026, Athletics Committee meeting as presented.

III. New Business

The Athletics Committee convened under the leadership of Vice Chair Moran, who welcomed Assistant Vice President and Director of Athletics, Marvin Lewis, to speak on new business. Marvin recognized the board and acknowledged the Rector's direction of each committee meeting be divided evenly between discussion and briefing. Marvin said the committee will focus on strategic priorities that advance Athletics and the University. Future agendas will include strategic discussions aligned with the committee's charge and bylaws, along with updates on national issues.

Head Coach Spotlight – Vanessa Blair-Lewis, Head Women's Basketball Coach

Marvin Lewis introduced Vanessa Blair-Lewis, Head Women's Basketball Coach, who provided an overview of the program and discussed the effects of national changes in intercollegiate athletics, including revenue sharing, name, image and likeness activities, and the transfer portal.

The Committee discussed roster management, recruiting and retention, facilities, student-athlete development, and resources needed to sustain competitive success. Members also considered opportunities for the Board and University to support student-athlete recruitment, retention, career development, and institutional engagement.

Athletic Council/FAR Annual Update – Dominique Banville

Dominique Banville, Faculty Athletics Representative, presented the annual Faculty Athletics Representative and Athletics Council update. She reviewed responsibilities related to academic integrity, NCAA eligibility

compliance, institutional control, student-athlete well-being, and communication between Athletics and the University.

Dominique Banville reported that end-of-season student-athlete surveys continue to inform departmental priorities and highlighted investments in mental health, nutrition, and fueling support. The Committee also discussed faculty coordination regarding reasonable academic accommodations for university-sponsored competition.

The Committee noted that its creation reflects the University's increased focus on Athletics and the Board's commitment to supporting it. Members also thanked Dr. Banville for her service and commended Coach Blair-Lewis's authentic leadership.

Intercollegiate Athletics Update - Assistant Vice President and Director of Athletics, Marvin Lewis

Marvin Lewis, Assistant Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, presented an update on Athletics' academic, competitive, financial, and organizational performance. He reported a 3.4 student-athlete GPA, a 90 percent graduation rate, nearly $7 million raised, improved employee engagement, and competitive progress across multiple programs.

The Committee discussed Athletics' financial sustainability, including revenue generation, institutional and student-fee support, and the resources required to maintain the University's 22-sport portfolio. The Committee also reviewed corporate partnership development, student-athlete career opportunities, facility priorities, responsible use of artificial intelligence, and Athletics' regional economic impact.

IV. Adjournment

Vice Chair Moran adjourned the meeting at 9:24am.