

MINUTES ACCEPTED MARCH 1, 2007

FOOTBALL TASK FORCE MEETING

February 13, 2007

1:30 – 2:30 PM

EHSC Training Room

Environmental Health & Safety

Members Present:

Tom Stafford, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
David Rainer, Associate Vice Chancellor, Environmental Health & Public Safety
Chris Alston, Associate Director of Athletics Marketing
Lennie Barton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations
Dick Christy, Assistant Athletics Director, External Operations
Paul Cousins, Director, Office of Student Conduct
Debbie Griffith, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs
John Mickey representing James Hankins, Student Representative
David Horning, Senior Associate Athletics Director
Bobby Mills, Student Representative
Will Quick, Student Body President
Deyao Ren, Graduate Student Association Representative
Ed Stack, Associate Executive Director, Wolfpack Club
P.J. Teal, Assistant to the Chancellor and Secretary of the University
Tom Younce, Director, Campus Police

Members Absent:

Connie Justice, Student Representative

Call to Order – David Rainer, Co-Chair

Tom Stafford, Co-Chair

Agenda Item

1. Committee members introduced themselves and identified their respective constituencies.
2. Dr. Stafford reviewed ground rules for discussion, identified Rainer/Stafford as “official” committee spokespersons.
3. Mr. Rainer read the list of rules adopted last year as a point of reference for new committee members.
 - Establish and enforce listening levels for music.
 - Require that tents remain contained within the allocated parking area of a tailgating group and that they are flame-retardant.
 - Prohibit beer kegs in any stadium parking areas including vendor or university-sanctioned events.

- Require that fans carry a picture ID in accordance with university regulations.
 - Encourage tailgating participants to bag their own trash and leave it at the parking bumper.
 - Create a consistent rule for access to tailgating areas (4 hours).
4. The meeting was opened for discussion and based on questions from Mr. Quick, Chief Younce reviewed game day crime statistics ([attachment 1](#)). Although there appears to be an increase in total enforcement actions in 2006 over 2005, Chief indicated that in 2006 there were on average more police present at each game than prior years. It was also stated that enforcement action was highly variable based on opponent, time of game, historical rivalry, win/loss record, etc. Based on campus appearance tickets issued to students as a percentage of game day ticket holders are still subject to more enforcement actions than other fans.
 5. A letter from Zach Adams (attachment 1) to the Chancellor requesting one additional hour of tailgate time (from 4-5) was distributed for discussion. Mr. Quick indicated that based on follow-up discussions he had with Mr. Adams, student government preferred increasing tailgate time for 4-6 hours with a sliding scale depending on game start time. Games before 12 noon would have a 4 hour tailgate time, games starting after noon would have a 6 hour tailgate time.
 6. Student representatives raised issues related to block seating and ticket distribution, assigned seating, number of student entrances and security at student gates. Ticket distribution and seating issues were reviewed by Mr. Christy.
 7. Mr. Stack indicated that based on discussion with Wolfpack members a 6 hour tailgate rule was preferred.

There was much discussion on the above topics with no conclusions reached. The only definitive action item is that the rule on flame retardant tents required amendment, as small tents for vehicle tailgate areas could not be purchased with a fire rating. It was agreed that each group would canvass their respective constituents about tailgate times and bring forward more definitive recommendations for the next meeting.

There was reference to a Virginia Tech study that suggests that increased tailgate times results in increased alcohol consumption. Campus Police have obtained the Virginia Tech report and it is available for committee review ([attachment 2](#) & [attachment 3](#)).

Adjourn

Minutes submitted by David Rainer, Co-Chair, February 15, 2007