COMMITTEE: University Athletics Committee

1. Membership (include ex-officio members). Regular Members: Eli Hvastkovs, Chair, Michael Harris, Vice Chair, Kathy Cox, Secretary, Scott Carter, Chal Benson, Alex Durland, Katie Flanagan. Ex-officio w/ vote: Cal Christian, Mark Moore, J Batt, Giovanni Triana. Ex-officio w/o vote: Brian Cavanaugh, Sharon Rogers, Jeff Compher, Nita Boyce, Jamie Johnson, Becky Whitley.

2. Meeting Dates
   (include members present and those who contributed to committee action, but were not at the meeting)

9/27/16:
Regular Member Attendees: Eli Hvastkovs, Kati Flanagan, Michael Harris, Kathleen Cox, Scott Carter, Chal Benson
Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Mark Moore, J Batt
Ex-officio Members (without vote): Brian Cavanaugh, Jeff Compher, Becky Whitley
Guests: Nick Floyd, John Stiller.

10/25/16:
Regular Member Attendees: Eli Hvastkovs, Katie Flanagan, Michael Harris, Kathleen Cox
Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Mark Moore, J Batt
Ex-officio Members (without vote): Brian Cavanaugh, Jeff Compher, Sharon Rogers, Nita Boyce
Guests: Danielle Morrin

11/29/16:
Regular Member Attendees: Eli Hvastkovs, Katie Flanagan, Michael Harris, Kathleen Cox, Scott Carter, Chal Benson, Alex Durland
Ex-officio Members (with vote): Mark Moore, J Batt
Ex-officio Members (without vote): Brian Cavanaugh, Jeff Compher, Nita Boyce
Guests: Nick Floyd

1/24/17:
Regular Member Attendees: Eli Hvastkovs, Katie Flanagan, Michael Harris, Kathleen Cox, Scott Carter, Chal Benson, Alex Durland
Ex-officio Members (with vote): Mark Moore, J Batt
Ex-officio Members (without vote): Jeff Compher, Nita Boyce, Sharon Rogers, Becky Whitley
Guests: Nick Floyd, Jamie Johnson

2/28/17:
Regular Member Attendees: Eli Hvastkovs, Katie Flanagan, Michael Harris, Alex Durland, Chal Benson
Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Mark Moore, J Batt
Ex-officio Members (without vote): Brian Cavanaugh, Jeff Compher, Nita Boyce, Sharon Rogers,
Guests: Nick Floyd

3/28/17:
Regular Member Attendees: Eli Hvastkovs, Katie Flanagan, Scott Carter, Chal Benson, Alex Durland
3. Subcommittees established during the year (include progress and/or completion of work).

11/29/16:
Academic Performance Sub Committee Review of Spring 2016 academic progress reports
(Members: Eli Hvastkovs, Katie Flanagan, Michael Harris, Kathleen Cox, Scott Carter, Chal Benson, Alex Durland, Nita Boyce)

Nita Boyce provided the Spring 2016 academic progress reports for all teams and student athletes for Spring 2016 and all information was reviewed and discussed by the committee. Boyce answered questions and provided information about the NCAA regulations on academic eligibility. Athletics continues to implement and enhance efforts to continue to see an increase in the overall GPA of the student-athlete group. The cumulative GPA for all student-athletes at the end of Spring 2016 was a 3.00. This is an improvement from the previous spring and above that of the general student body. The six-year student-athlete graduation rates also exceed that of the general student body. The committee did not identify any major concerns to be addressed in the immediate future and complemented Boyce and the Athletics Department on continually providing such clear and helpful data to the committee.

3/28/17: The Academic Sub Committee formed to review academic information with Nita Boyce
(Members: Cox, Hvastkovs, Flanagan, Carter, Benson, Cavanaugh, Durland)

The Academic Comparison of Fall Semesters (2003-2016) was reviewed. Boyce answered questions as needed. The Fall 2016 Academic Report was reviewed. Boyce answered questions as needed. Fall 2016 was the second semester where a cumulative GPA of 3.0 overall was achieved. The semester GPA for all athletes was 2.7. Several teams had record high GPAs for the semester. Christian provided background and information on special talent designation and a comparison of GPAs between special talent and regular admits. Christian described situations where the students are having academic and participation in academics difficulties. Christian recommended putting forward a memo to Compher about any committee concerns. This memo to Mr. Compher was created by Hvastkovs and circulated among the UAC members before email delivery to Mr. Compher on April 6, 2017. The committee will follow up with Mr. Compher in the new academic year.

4. Accomplishments during the year, especially as addressed through committee goals. Please include recommendations made to any University agency other than the Faculty Senate that will be noted under #5.

The accomplished goals of the committee as they related to the original goals outlined in the 9/27/16 meeting include:

a) Continued to monitor academic performance including monitoring grade average, course clustering, and independent study enrollment.

b) The committee received a Dept. of Athletics update from Mr. Compher every meeting in order to ask questions, express concerns, and understand the direction of the department. Additionally, representatives from related groups (J Batt/Pirate Club) regularly offer insight into facilities improvements, donations, etc. We also received an update from Mr. Jamie Johnson to discuss issues related to recruitment and eligibility.

c) Established communication with the life skills coordination office, monitor student-athlete well-being. We invited Danielle Morin to talk to the committee.
d) Established sharepoint as the repository for the student-athlete survey documents in order to discuss any concerns among this student population. The committee reviewed and discussed these surveys at our 10/25 and 11/29 meetings.

e) Each meeting the committee receives a Faculty-Athletics Representative (FAR) update from Cal Christian. Main FAR goals for this past year included the implementation of the American Athletic Conference Academic Consortium as well as implementing the end of the year athlete surveys (see d).

An additional request came to the committee via Prof. Stiller as chair of the faculty. A group named COIA: Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics requested a vote from ECU regarding a by-law change. ECU has been a member of this group based on election by the faculty senate that pre-dates anyone on the UAC committee. Due to the outlier/rogue nature of this group of universities and representatives, the UAC voted to exit this group pending approval by the faculty senate. A full report was provided to Prof. Stiller.

5. Reports to the Faculty Senate (include dates and resolution numbers).

Originally slated to report our COIA findings and request to faculty senate on April 18; however, due to time constraints, Prof. Stiller requested that we present our findings next academic year, presumably Sept. 12 2017 or October 17, 2017.

6. Business carried over to next year (list in priority order).

COIA report to full faculty senate.

7. Evaluation of the committee (include anything that hindered or assisted the committee’s work during the year).
   A. Charge: Appropriate
   B. Personnel: Appropriate
   C. Attendance: Good
   D. Responsibilities: Provides faculty input regarding student-athlete issues and concerns.
   E. Activities: Productive

8. Suggestion(s) to the Chair of the Faculty and/or Faculty Senate for improving the effectiveness of the committee.

9. Does the Committee’s organizational meeting next year need to be earlier than the date set this year? If yes, when do you prefer: ___________________________

Signed: Chairperson ____________________________
Vice Chair ____________________________
Secretary ____________________________

Please forward the completed annual report to the Faculty Senate office via email (facultysenate@ecu.edu) no later than May 1, 2017.