COMMITTEE: University Athletic Committee

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Cal Christian

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cal Christian, Laurel Wentz, Mike McCammon, Stacy Warner, Eli Hvastkovs

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WITH VOTE: Scott Carter, J Batt, Tyler Moore, Mike Felts

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE W/O VOTE: Nick Floyd, Jeff Compher, Nita Boyce, Tim Wiseman, Ross Nigro

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Shelley Binegar, Stephanie Bailey, Rondall Rice

Actions of Meeting

Agenda Item: Approval of the November 18, 2014 meeting minutes
Action Taken: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item: Athletic Dept. Overview
Action Taken: Athletic Director Jeff Compher provided a rundown of recent athletic dept. activities focusing primarily on the NCAA meetings and the legislation that was recently passed at that meeting. Mr. Compher highlighted four main topics resulting from legislation passed from the Power 5 conference’s autonomy: a) student athletes can no longer lose scholarships due to athletic performance alone, b) a full scholarship will include the full cost of attendance. This is an issue for ECU as it relates to funding scholarship athletes, c) a new concussion protocol and d) SA taking out loans based on their insurability.

Jeff also discussed that there has been some restructuring within the athletic department and certain roles have changed. He indicated that he would share with the committee a new organization chart.

Agenda Item: Shelley Binegar was introduced to the committee as the new Senior Women’s Sports Administrator
Action Taken: Ms. Binegar gave an overview of her activities in this position. She noted the role that the SWA has within the athletic
department along with her individual sport responsibilities for Women’s basketball, Women’s Soccer and Women’s Volleyball. Shelley will also continue to oversee external operations.

**Agenda Item:** UAC discussed the University Studies program and its role in athletics.

**Action Taken:** ECU has recently began a new degree program. This program is titled University Studies and the new Director is Dr. Rondall Rice. Stephanie Bailey is the academic advisor. Both Rondall and Stephanie attended the UAC meeting and shared with the committee how the University Studies program is structured and how it can operate with student-athletes. Currently there are approximately 200 students in the program and 9 are student athletes.

Dr. Rice explained how the program is structured and that it would not be a program were student athletes could enroll to just stay eligible. The program requires that the student develop thematic core classes to create a degree that is not already offered on campus. Thus, these degrees will take some planning and will require at least 30 hours of courses within the degree. Since a student athlete has to have a certain progress towards graduation, pursuing this degree would not meet that requirement in a student athletes last season of eligibility.

Dr. Rice and Ms. Bailey will be meeting with Nita in February to explore the program further.

**Agenda Item:** Current initiatives on concussion reporting at ECU.

**Action Taken:** Cal pointed out that Mike Hanley is working with the conference on a new concussion protocol and will attend the February meeting to discuss.

**Next meeting:** February 24, 2015

**Submitted by:** Eli Hvastkovs and Cal Christian