

COMMITTEE: University Athletic Committee

MEETING DATE: March 24th, 2015

PERSON PRESIDING: Cal Christian

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cal Christian, Mike McCammon, Stacy Warner, Nick Rupp

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WITH VOTE: Scott Carter, Tyler Moore, Mike Felts, Pam Hopkins

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE W/O VOTE: Nick Floyd, Nita Boyce, Tim Wiseman, Nancy Mize

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Hanley, Lee Workman

Actions of Meeting

Agenda Item: Approval of the January 20, 2015 meeting minutes

Action Taken: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item: Update on Athletics

Action Taken: Associate Athletic Director, Lee Workman presented to the committee an update on the ECU Athletics Strategic Plan. The plan was put in place two years ago and after its implementation the athletic department continues to monitor the plan in order to make sure the goals and objectives are being met.

Lee presented the plan summary to the committee and discussed one change to the implementation and monitoring of the objectives. Previously, certain groups were responsible for the strategies and would provide the necessary resources for insuring implementation. The athletic department improved on this by adding one individual to be accountable for the oversight of the action steps. One goal Lee mentioned is that the current GPA goal is 2.97, but it will be moved up to a 3.0.

Nick Floyd discussed with the committee the athletic department's work on the cost of attendance adjustment. This is still in the formative stages, but ECU anticipates increasing the scholarship award to include some portion of the cost of attendance. Currently, the COA is estimated at \$4,025 and with

240 scholarship athletes this would be an additional \$966,000 required for scholarships. This along with the ECU tuition increase means the Pirate Club would need to fund approximately another \$1.3 million.

Agenda Item: Update on Academic Success Committee

Action Taken: Mike Felts shared with the committee a policy from the ECU faculty manual that noted “students who anticipated missing 10% or more of class meetings time as a result of university excused absences are required to receive approval from the instructor at the beginning of the semester”. So, the take away is that even though athletic competition is considered a university excused absence, an instructor can hold a SA responsible for attendance beyond the 10% absence threshold. While this has not been a problem, it is something that the committee should be aware of.

Agenda Item: Presentation of Concussion Policies and Procedures at ECU.

Action Taken: Mike Hanley, Associate Athletics Director – Student Services, presented to the committee the ECU Concussion Management Plan. The policy has also been shared with the AAC. While the concussion policy discusses treatment protocols, one of the issues of the UAC was how the policy addresses the student’s academic performance.

Mike discussed ECU’s plan referred to as “Return to Learn”. This plan provides methods to help the SA return to the classroom and be successful. This includes a concussion buddy roommate and concussion management services. One of the challenges of working with a support group like the ECU Disability services is that a concussion is considered an injury and not a disability. Mike will continue to update the committee annually on the Return to Learn program.

Agenda Item: Approval of the 2014-2015 Student-Athlete Questionnaires

Action Taken: Cal presented the 2014-2015 questionnaires for committee review and approval. The questionnaires will be distributed during finals week and the committee approved the questionnaires as written.

Agenda Item: Discussion of the April UAC Meeting

Action Taken: In April the Faculty Senate has two meetings during the scheduled Tuesday meeting times. Instead of trying to re-schedule at another time, the committee agreed to not hold an April meeting.

Agenda Item: Academic Integrity Sub-Committee

Action Taken: The Academic Integrity Sub-Committee (consisting of just faculty members of the UAC) met and reviewed the individual SA and team academic performance from the fall 2014 semester. The committee noted that the GPA performance for the football team during the fall semester had declined and was a 2.37 (the team cumulative GPA is a 2.55). Men's track has also shown a decline as the fall 2014 GPA was 2.59 while the fall 2013 GPA was 2.78. The men's track cumulative GPA is a 2.59. The goal of the athletic department is currently to have an overall 2.97 GPA with a goal of 3.00. The fall 2014 semester GPA for all SAs was a 2.86 and the cumulative GPA was 2.89. These findings will be shared with the Athletic Director.

Next meeting: September ?, 2015

Submitted by: Cal Christian