

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 3:30 PM

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

1. Approval of Sept. minutes

Minutes were approved with no changes.

2. Athletic dept. report by Jeff Compher

Jeff Compher reported examples of excellent performance by many men's and women's teams in the recent weeks. He reported that 30 athletes needed to be relocated due to living in the mandatory evacuation areas due to Hurricane Matthew and Athletics assisted all of those students and continues to intervene as the students bring forward their issues. All coaches continue to do an inventory of their athletes to monitor ongoing needs due to this issue. He also reported they are providing opportunities for the athletes to discuss their concerns regarding the political protests that have occurred at sporting events, including at ECU, recently. Compher indicated they will be monitoring to determine if there are any unforeseen negative effects of these protests on the student athletes and will intervene as needed to assist students. He is ensuring that athletes have forums for open dialogue to share their concerns and express their opinions. Compher stressed that the safety of all students, and attendees at athletic events, is of the utmost importance in these situations.

3. FAR update by Cal Christian

Cal Christian provided the update and reported that FAR meetings with AD continue to discuss current issues such as class scheduling or study hall, etc. Mike Hanley Associate AD for student services is the administrator who handles most of these concerns with Cal Christian and they continue to work together. The first student athlete progress reports of Fall 2016 were delayed because of Hurricane Matthew; response rate is currently lower than normal and that is attributed to Hurricane Matthew. Christian explained why the student athlete surveys were started; it was done to ensure the student athletes were getting the same experiences as other students who were not involved in sports. In addition, Athletics wanted to help increase access to student services that athletes may not have initially had the time to investigate or access. Thus, the Life Skills Coordinator position was increased to full-time and Danielle Morrin, was brought in for this type of programming.

4. Life Skills Coordinator Update – Danielle Morrin

Danielle Morrin provided an overview of the Life Skills department and their role in developing and implementing innovative programs and individualized support students that provide student-athletes with skills to succeed in college and life - not just in their athletics. Danielle reported the athletes demonstrated a 3.0 Spring 2016 GPA and a 2.97 academic year GPA. Current goal for the academic year GPA is a 3.0. A variety of events including workshops, guest speakers, and other trainings are provided and locations are used that facilitate easy access for athletes. Morrin also advises the Student Athlete Committee (SAC) which is the student governance body that assists with programming, policy development, and provides student athlete representation within Athletics. This group provides leadership opportunities and assists Morrin in providing community service opportunities and other leadership events for all student athletes.

5. Student-Athlete Questionnaire Results – Discussion

Cal Christian explained how the results of the Student-Athlete Questionnaire are used. Compher added that the results are shared with the sports administrators and coaches so they are aware of the feedback the athletes provided. Christian and Nita Boyce explained how study hall is used and how availability is listed by class year (freshman, sophomore, etc.) and how that has worked very well. Christian asked the committee to think about questions that are not on the survey and at any point the committee can suggest items to be added. Questions or suggestions about the S-A Questionnaire should be sent to Cal Christian.

Next meeting is November 29, 2016 and will include the academic evaluation sub-committee review of student athlete performance.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM