UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 3:30 PM

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. Approval of October minutes

Minutes were approved with no changes.

2. Athletic dept. report by Jeff Compher

Jeff Compher reported that all fall sports were progressing or finishing up appropriately and winter sports were starting and/or practicing to get ready for their seasons. Compher reported that they are pleased with the high level of community service the student-athletes are performing this year. Compher noted that a new PRR was announced to the university concerning athletics; they had revised it last year and this was the final approval/announcement to the university community. Compher reported they continue to work with Student Affairs to ensure that student-athletes have appropriate forums to ask questions or share concerns about student protests. Student-athletes identified issues to be reviewed and those concerns are being discussed thoroughly. Athletics has organized sessions with experts in patriotism, leadership, etc. to ensure students have accurate information as well as a forum for conversation and sharing their concerns. Compher reiterated that the goal is to continue to deal with issues such as protests in a very straight forward, open manner to ensure the safest environment for students continues to exist. Benson requested clarification from the Student-Athlete Questionnaire Results discussed in October. Benson noted several complaints provided by students in the survey about the amount and types of food student-athletes were getting while on the road for away games/events. Compher stated that when the survey reveals issues like that they are dealt with directly with the coaching staff of that sport and issues are improved or eliminated.

3. FAR update

Cal Christian could not be present today so Eli Hvastkovs provided a brief update. Christian asks that anyone interested in presenting research on student development/student athlete development/student well-being at the FAR conference in Philadelphia (March 23-24) to contact Christian as soon as possible. Hvastkovs reported that Christian has been stopping into practices and games and study halls to speak directly with students about how their semester is going. He also has met with several head coaches for regular input and updates on the academic progress and well-being of student-athletes.
4. Academic Performance Sub Committee Review of Spring 2016 academic progress reports

Present: 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.

Next meeting is January 24, 2017 at 3:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM