UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 3:30 PM

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

John Stiller opened the meeting at 3:30 PM.

John Stiller held the elections for officers. Eli Hvastkovs was elected Chair, Michael Harris was elected Vice Chair, and Kathleen Cox was elected Secretary. Cox brought up that the committee is short one regular member per the roster. Stiller indicated he would notify Lori Lee and begin procedures for finding an additional member. Stiller then turned over the meeting to Hvastkovs.

Athletic Director Jeff Compher provided an update. Athletics just completed evaluations for the entire coaching staff utilizing the feedback from the Student Athletic Survey that is conducted yearly. Ticket sales are strong and ahead of last year. The Chancellor has been a visible support to the football team and also has attended athletics staff meetings which have gone well. There will continue to be use of the athletics facilities by events such as concerts which have gone well this past year. The students continue to improve and it’s predicted the overall GPA will rise above 3.0 this year.

Cal Christian provided a Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) update. The FAR typically meets with the Chancellor a few times a year and Christian has had one meeting with Dr. Staton and has others scheduled for the rest of the year. As FAR, Christian will continue to communicate with the athletic director about issues with student athletes that are reported in the surveys completed by the student athletes. As FAR, Christian will continue to work with the Special Talent Waivers/committee to ensure those students receive the support they need for academic success. Christian informed the group that the American Athletic Conference (AAC) FARs Consortium will be holding a Student Well Being conference in Philadelphia (March 23-24, 2017) and encourages any faculty from ECU to present research that has to do with the well-being of students athletes. UAC members are asked to share this information around campus.

The group set goals for the academic year 2016-2017:

1. Continue to monitor the academic performance of student athletes.
2. Increase the availability of life skills/well-being activities for student athletes.
3. Support the FARs Consortium and the upcoming student well-being conference in Philadelphia.
4. Prepare the annual Student Athlete Survey.
5. Support special events in athletics as requested.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM