

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 3:30 PM

Regular Member Attendees: Michael Harris, Kathleen Cox, Scott Carter, Chal Benson, Alex Durland, Mark Moore

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Eli Hvastkovs, Cal Christian, Pam Hopkins

Ex-officio Members (without vote): Jeff Compher, Matt Militello, Sharon Rogers, Nita Boyce

Guests: Donna Kain

1. Election of Officers

Donna Kain, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate reviewed the charge and then opened elections for the Chair. Michael Harris was elected chair and then took over the meeting to finish elections. Mark Moore was elected as Vice Chair and Kathleen Cox was elected Secretary.

The committee then answered questions that Donna Kain had about one item on last year's annual report. Hvastkovs explained the topic of the elimination of membership in the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) was moved from the last meeting of Faculty Senate in April and we would appreciate it being added to the next meeting because there should be a formal faculty vote on not renewing that membership. Donna Kain indicated it was on the agenda of the next Faculty Senate meeting.

2. Athletic dept. report by Jeff Compher

Compher described parts of the Code and Creed within the Division of Athletics and how he recently explained to Faculty Senate various accolades which illustrate how Athletics is demonstrating principles of the Code and Creed. He described examples of community service, GPA improvements in individual students, teams, and all student-athletes as a group. Compher specifically named various individuals and offices that have contributed to the many successes of the student-athletes.

3. FAR update

Cal Christian, NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) explained his role as FAR and how he interacts with both students, faculty, and administration to facilitate academic success for student-athletes. He provided information on a career fair specifically for student athletes he is helping to plan with Sarah Lage, Career Services representative for student athletes. He discussed how he participates with compliance, eligibility, academic advising, and student development within all of the athletic programs. He described how he brings information to the committee and the committee should share with faculty. He encouraged the committee to bring questions to this committee about anything involving student athletes and he will help find information/answers. Harris reminded the committee that the American Athletic Conference Academic Consortium (a consortium of all the FARs in the AAC) held an academic success conference and ECU faculty members are invited to present research and information. He

encourages the committee to support the event again this year. He reminded the committee that the AAC Academic Consortium gave out \$80,000 in grants for research on student development of student athletes and ECU faculty member Stacey Warner is the recipient of two of those grants along with partners at other universities. He encouraged the committee to help find faculty who could apply for these research grants. Christian also explained the role of the committee in asking questions in regards to academic performance. Hvastkovs asked if the request by the committee last year about the basketball team's decreasing GPA had been addressed. Compher indicated that he did have conversations with the basketball coaches/team about the Committee's concerns. Christian indicated that the GPA was better than previously.

4. Goal Setting for 2017-2018

The committee had lengthy discussion which led to goals for the year and each meeting:

- Receive information from Athletics & support services at each meeting. Topics can be presented as people are available throughout the year. The committee requested hearing from student athletes & coaches, as well, if possible.
- Continue the review of the academic progress reports by the Academic Integrity Subcommittee.
- Continue the review of the student athlete questionnaire which generates feedback from the students on various topics.
- Review the course clustering audit performed this past year in the Department of Athletics.
- Determine if there is any post-graduation data on student athletes at ECU that can be reviewed.

Next meeting is October 24, 2017 at 3:30 PM in the Pat Draughon Conference Room in the Ward Sports Medicine Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM