COMMITTEE: University Athletic Committee

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2012

PERSON PRESIDING: Cal Christian

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Lust, Mike Felts, Rodney Roberts, Ziwei Lin, Megan Perry, Mike McCammon

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE (with vote): David Dosser, Paul Clifford, Emmett Floyd

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE (without vote): Nancy Mize, Nick Floyd, Jamie Johnson, Karen Vail Smith

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Terry Holland, Gary Overton, Emily Cellier, Rosie Thompson, Jill Jelnick

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ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of 9/13/2012 minutes

Discussion:

Action Taken: Unanimous approval of minutes

Assigned additional duties to: N/A

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Agenda Item: Update on Athletics

a. Nick Floyd and Terry Holland. Update of “athletics excellence committee”. Following is a description of the committee provided by Nick Floyd:

The Athletics Excellence has been formulated with specific representation from four critical stakeholder groups – University Administration, Athletics Administration, Board of Trustees, and the Pirate Club Executive Committee. The main focus of the committee is to provide guidance and help manage the conference affiliation process, assist with North Carolina leadership initiatives (i.e. scheduling of in-state opponents,
out-of-state scholarship waiver, etc.), and advise and support the strategic planning process that Athletics will undertake during this current year.

The committee is made up of the following members by virtue of position:

- Chancellor (University Administration)
- Chief of Staff/Legislative Liaison (University Administration)
- Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance (University Administration)
- Director of Athletics (Athletics Administration)
- Executive Associate Director of Athletics (Athletics Administration)
- Associate Athletics Director for Administration (Athletics Administration)
- Chair of the Board (Board of Trustees)
- Chair of the Athletics and Advancement Committee (Board of Trustees)
- President (Pirate Club Executive Committee)
- Vice President (Pirate Club Executive Committee)
- Executive Director (Pirate Club Executive Committee)

The goal is to provide assistance in the efforts to position the Athletics program for future success both on and off the field.

b. Other items discussed:
   a. Strategic planning process for athletics.
   b. Softball coach controversy and hiring of new coach
   c. Practice facility update, cost 16.5 million, raised 14-15 million, completion date scheduled for August 2013
   d. New system being used for season ticket holders

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**Agenda Item:** Development of required reading for UAC members.

**Discussion:** Given all of the requirements associated with athletics and annual turnover of committee members, the need to develop a reading list for members is necessary.

**Action Taken:** Mike Felts and Cal Christian to put together reading list.

**Assigned additional duties to:** N/A

**Agenda Item:** Discussion of the Academic Success Committee

**Discussion:** The role of the Academic Success Committee (ASC) working alongside the UAC was discussed. The ASC is an advisory committee to the Chancellor and its one year of existence it has reviewed several topics such as:
a. Development of a student-athlete attendance policy. The new policy was administered online and verifying attendance was cumbersome from an athlete’s perspective. Jill Jelnick (SAACs member and softball player) noted how the prior attendance system had created problems for athletes that resulted in extra running opportunities for non-compliant athletes. The attendance policy is made available to coaches and players through the student-athlete handbook and will be made available to UAC members through a SharePoint site.

b. An audit of FTF and DE classes was administered looking for “course clustering”, where there is an excessive group of athletes in a particular course and no problems were noted.

c. A highlight of the discussion was that overall there is an improvement in grades for football players.

Action Taken: Continued work on the attendance policy is recommended.

Assigned additional duties to: N/a

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Agenda Item: Student-Athlete proctoring needs

Discussion: David Dossier discussed proctoring needs. There are times when athletes from other schools, when visiting ECU, need to take exams and have a proctor. Currently David has been doing the majority (all) of the proctoring.

Action Taken: It was agreed that UAC members could help with the proctoring.

Assigned additional duties to: Nita Boyce to contact committee members as proctoring needs arise.

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Agenda Item: Student-athlete interviews for graduating seniors, exiting interviews and returning athlete interviews.

Discussion: The need for athlete feedback was discussed. Committee members agreed it was important to survey athletes on an ongoing basis. Athlete anonymity and coach feedback are important considerations and reasons for conducting the surveys.

Action Taken: Cal shared examples of surveys gleaned from other areas, the committee was charged with looking over the documents and providing feedback. The goal is to have a working document and policy in place for the upcoming academic year.
The committee meeting ended at 5:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 27th at 3:30 PM

Respectively Submitted,
Mike McCammon, Secretary

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**