

**COMMITTEE:** University Athletic Committee

**MEETING DATE:** October 22, 2013

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Cal Christian

**REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Ziwei Lin, Rodney Roberts, Laurel Wentz, Cal Christian, Mike McCammon, Sharon Rogers, Nick Rupp, Stacy Warner

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS WITH VOTE:** Andrew Morehead, Cheryl McFadden, Carolyn Price, David Dossier, J Batt

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS W/O VOTE:** Nita Boyce, Rosie Thompson, Nick Floyd, Karen Vail Smith, Ben McKinzie

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jeff Compher

### **Actions of Meeting**

**Agenda Item:** Approval of the September 24, 2013 minutes.

**Action Taken:** Minutes approved.

**Agenda Item:** Athletic Department Update

**Action Taken:** Nick Floyd, Jeff Compher and J Batt provided the committee with a current status update of the athletic department. Nick discussed the 79% GSR (graduation success rate) which will be released on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The difference between the GSR and the federal graduation rate (FGR) were discussed. The FGR is 59% compared with the ECU student body rate of 58%. It was also noted that the overall APR is 978 (out of 1,000).

Upgrades to the natatorium and tennis courts were discussed. It was pointed out that the natatorium is owned by the University and not the athletic department and thus, many different constituencies use this facility. However, long term decisions regarding upgrades to the natatorium and the tennis facilities are currently being discussed.

Jeff noted that the department's strategic plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees soon and it has 11 goals. The final version of the plan will be presented to the UAC by Lee Workman at a

later date. It was also noted that the Athletic Department was working with Rick Niswander on fiscal sustainability and that Jeff, Rick and Stacie Tronto were involved on a UNC fiscal sustainability committee. Jeff has formed a Student Leaders Advisory Committee that is assisting in developing a better game day experience for all sports that will encourage student participation in the various athletic events. While there have been several great suggestions, one has already resulted in work on the stadium for better wireless connection and another will provide students with the ability to use their Pirate bucks for concessions.

J Batt updated the committee on several Pirate Club initiatives and the status of completing the fundraising (currently \$950K remains on the capital campaign) for the new basketball facility and Hall of Fame.

**Agenda Item:** Student-Athlete Surveys

**Action Taken:** The committee was provide through SharePoint copies of the two questionnaires administered by the committee last year for returning student-athletes and those student-athletes that have exhausted their eligibility. The results of these surveys completed in May of 2013 were also provided to the committee.

The committee reviewed the questions and it was determined that a series of questions on student-athlete nutrition would be beneficial. These questions would range from meal plans to use of the athletic nutritionist for nutritional needs as well as medical related needs. Through an analysis of the results a lack of career advising was noted. Most of the findings were issues related to the athletic experience and not the academic/advising experience.

Jeff Compher indicated that he will use this report and provide feedback to the coaches as well as letting the student-athletes know that the results are being acted upon. He will accomplish this through various mediums (i.e., SAAC). Jeff mentioned that if he can receive the report in a timely fashion, he can incorporate it in his annual review of coaches in June/July.

**Agenda Item:** Discussion of the UAC Overview Document

**Action Taken:** Cal asked everyone to continue to review the “Overview” process, so that committee members that follow us in future years, would have a template to follow and stay current with the activities.

**Agenda Item:** Role of Student Development

**Action Taken:** This topic was deferred until the November meeting, where Nita will discuss, the GSR, the APR, other student development policies and the academic sub-committee will be held.

**Next Meeting: November 19, 2013 3:30 p.m.**

**Submitted by: Cal Christian/Nick Rupp**