COMMITTEE: University Athletic Committee

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2014

PERSON PRESIDING: Cal Christian

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Laurel Wentz, Mike McCammon, Cal Christian, Stacy Warner, Nicholas Rupp, Eli Hvastkovs

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WITH VOTE: David Dosser, Scott Carter, Tyler Moore, Jay Batt

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE W/O VOTE: Nick Floyd, Nancy Mize, Jeff Compher, Nita Boyce, Chaz Lowry, Tim Wiseman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: n/a

Actions of Meeting

Agenda Item: Athletic Dept. Overview

Action Taken: Athletic Director Jeff Compher provided a rundown of recent athletic dept. activities.

Kelly Sharp was recently hired as a Life Skills coordinator for the department. Goal is to involve student athletes in numerous activities: career advising, nutrition, campus activities, etc.

Committee discussed student fee increase procedure.

Committee discussed possible ramifications of a change in ECU start date to later in the year (e.g. Aug 31). Athletics expressed its concern that this would not be beneficial to the department. Members also expressed concern over PiratePalooza events as well as move in weekend logistics.

Action Taken: Will communicate calendar concerns with University Calendar Committee.

Agenda Item: Discussed student athlete surveys – both for returning students and exiting students.

Action Taken: Several concerns over comments provided by the students were discussed by the committee. Prof. Christian discussed
that some of the concerns raised by the students were
addressed via the hiring of Kelly Sharp, the life skills
coordinator, as well as the nutritionist who helps out with
athletics. Mr. Compher discussed that he addresses any
accusations of student-athlete abuse that are reported in the
survey. Some concerns about injured students were discussed.
Committee discussed ways to have higher participation for the
survey, as it would be more meaningful. Committee will follow
up on protocol for faculty to help them deal with
injured/concussed student athletes as well as some sort of
informational sheet for students that need help when they are
injured playing their sport.

**Next meeting:** November 18, 2014

**Submitted by:** Eli Hvastkovs