

COMMITTEE: University Athletics Committee
MEETING DATE: January 24, 2011
PERSON PRESIDING: Stacey Altman

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Cal Christian, Stacey Altman, Mike Felts, David Dosser, Lori Flint

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (with vote) IN ATTENDANCE:

Randall Parker, Zach Blank

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (without vote) IN ATTENDANCE:

Nita Boyce, Nick Floyd, Tim Metcalf, Rosie Thompson Smaw, Mike Albers, Nance Mize, Gary Overton, Allison Spivey

Minutes of November meeting were approved.

Subcommittees for working groups related to NCAA recertification process:

- **Gender Equity Working Group:** S. Altman, M. Felts, N. Mize, G. Overton, Allison Spivey
- **Minority Opportunity Working Group:** D. Dosser, L. Flint, G. Overton, R. Parker, R. Thompson-Smaw

Working groups are responsible for updating existing plans. Their work should begin in February.

Reports Heard:

Academic Integrity Subcommittee: No report. Mike Felts requested that Nita provide data on 'special talent' admits with her semester report.

Cal Christian (NCAA Certification Liaison)

- Reported attending the recertification workshop at the NCAA convention.
- Reviewed the history of the certification process at ECU. The initial certification occurred in 2002 and the recertification will occur in 2012.
 - That process will focus on three areas (1) governance, (2) academic integrity and (3) diversity, equity and student-athlete well being.
 - Self-study will involve a steering committee and three subcommittees.
 - The process will begin in August 2011 and culminate with the NCAA visit in 2012.
 - Gender equity and diversity will be a focus with emphasis on fidelity to the 2002 plan.

David Dosser (Faculty Athletics Representative)

- Introduced Alison Spivey, President of SAC.
- Reiterated the charge of the UAC, emphasizing academic integrity oversight functions and noting the ECU is a member of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics.

- Noted Chronicle of Higher Education article on potential issues in intercollegiate athletics.
- The NCAA has legislated that we look at missed classes for men's basketball. ECU men's basketball schedule will result in 10.5 missed class days this season.
- Noted that the UAC will be important in the NCAA recertification process.

Nita Boyce (Assistant Athletics Director for Student Development)

- Presented document outlining the university's response to academic fraud situation that came to light during the Spring 2010 semester (Appendix A).
- Discussed the possibility of adding an Academic Integrity quiz via BlackBoard for all student athletes.
- Dr. Christian raised the possibility that tutors not supervised by Student Development could create problems for athletics. It was acknowledged that this is a possibility. The key question is what is considered reasonable institutional control.
- Dr. Christian questioned whether coaching GA's are 'real students'. Rosie Thompson-Smaw explained the NCAA regulations related to these positions.

Tim Metcalf (Director of Compliance)

- Noted that compliance meetings are held with every team each year to review all NCAA rules. The rules are explained to each player every year and each player signs off on this process.

Nick Floyd (Senior Associate Director of Athletics)

- Noted the hiring of Jamie Johnson from Rutgers University as the new University Compliance Officer.
- Noted Mike Golden's resignation and Jeff Connors hiring to head strength training program.
- Noted that Ruffin McNeil (Head Football Coach) had surgery and was recovering well.
- Reported that weather had set back the construction of the athletic complex. The team support building would be bid soon. The goal remains to complete the complex, including this building, within this calendar year.
- On Wednesday, February 16 the new softball stadium will open when the team plays UNCW at 4:00 PM.
- Stated that \$9 million (in private funds) has been pledged for construction of the new basketball practice facility. The project will be likely be bid in late summer or fall with the hope of completing construction by winter 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Felts
Committee Secretary