

**COMMITTEE:** University Athletic Committee

**MEETING DATE:** January 21, 2014

**PERSON PRESIDING:** Cal Christian

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

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS WITH VOTE:** Cheryl McFadden, David Dosser

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS W/O VOTE:** Nita Boyce, Rosie Thompson, Ben McKinzie, Tim Wiseman, Nick Floyd

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lee Workman, Jeff Compher

### **Actions of Meeting**

**Agenda Item:** Approval of the October 22, 2013 minutes.

**Action Taken:** Minutes approved.

**Agenda Item:** ECU Athletic Strategic Plan

**Action Taken:** Lee Workman shared with the committee a summary of the new ECU athletic strategic plan. The strategic plan includes seven priorities with a new mission, vision and core values. The athletic department was going to share the plan and the vision, along with new marketing slogans and marks with the public within the next few days. The committee discussed several of the strategies with Lee and AD Jeff Compher. The committee focused on the two strategies focused on the student-athlete (academics and student-athlete well-being).

**Agenda Item:** COIA

**Action Taken:** The UAC received a request from the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (the COIA) in regards to a study on concussions. The request is for ECU's faculty (through the UAC) to gather information regarding concussions incurred by ECU athletes and provide this information to the COIA.

The committee discussed this request and did not believe that this was an issue that the faculty should pursue. From the feedback received by the committee from Mike Hanley it is apparent that ECU is complying with the NCAA requirements and initiatives on concussion, already.

However, the committee requested that we follow up on the academic accommodations afforded those ECU athletes that do incur concussions. Sharon Rogers noted that the student-athlete incurring a concussion may not realize that the concussion symptoms can have immediate impact on their studies and classroom performance. The committee wants to insure that ECU is doing everything possible concerning the well-being of the student-athlete. So, the committee will research the current concussion procedures regarding the student's academics with Mike Hanley to make sure appropriate procedures are in place.

**Agenda Item:** Student-Athlete Course Audit Report

**Action Taken:** Nita Boyce provided a report to the committee concerning the spring-summer 2013 audit of course clustering that was performed by her, John Fletcher and Stacie Tronto (ECU Internal Audit). They reviewed a report of grade distributions by class and student-athlete (SA) individual grades. Each individual reviewed the two reports independently and then met as a group to discuss concerns and questions.

All course sections were reviewed for SA grade distribution. Courses with a higher number of "As" for SA than for the general student enrollment were examined in more detail and the SA individual grade report, when necessary, was used in the analysis. Courses with a SA enrollment of 20% or higher were also examined in detail.

The results of the audit identified a few courses for review however these courses were unique and did not raise a red flag. A summary of the report is on file with Nita Boyce.

**Agenda Item:** Discussion of recent articles concerning student-athlete academic preparedness

**Action Taken:** Several recent articles concerning SA academic preparedness have circulated throughout NC over the last few weeks and the committee discussed these. While the committee was concerned it was pointed out that ECU has already been proactive as evidenced

by the audit report presented by Nita and that all special talent waivers are approved by a special committee consisting of four faculty members and four University administrators and four athletic administrators. Also, the status of each special talent waiver (approved or not) is tracked.

**Next Meeting: February 18, 2014 3:30 p.m.**

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