COMMITTEE: University Athletic Committee

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2013
PERSON PRESIDING: Cal Christian

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS WITH VOTE: Andrew Morehead, Cheryl McFadden, Carolyn Price,

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

Actions of Meeting

Agenda Item: Election of Officers.
Action Taken: Cal Christian was elected as Chairman, Rodney Roberts as Vice-Chairman, and Nick Rupp as Secretary.

Agenda Item: Committee Overview
Action Taken: Cal discussed the responsibilities of the UAC and provided a document that explains how the UAC operates and interacts with other committees such as the ASC. The overview document is a work in progress from last year and its intent is to provide new committee members with the inner-workings of the committee and explanations of common terms that will assist in understanding the different operations of the athletic department. Any additions or improvements to this document are to be passed along to the committee chair throughout the calendar year.

Agenda Item: Business from Last Year
Action Taken: Cal opened the floor for goals for the current year and business left from last year. It was noted that several significant accomplishments from last year were:
1) The development and implementation of student-athlete questionnaires for returning student-athletes and those athletes that had exhausted their eligibility.
2) Implementation of an anonymous 1-800 hotline for student-athletes ability to report NCAA violations and improper coach/student behavior.
3) Establishment of a class attendance policy.

All of these initiatives were developed in conjunction with the ASC and projects that were being developed by the Student Development office.

Agenda Item: Goals for the 2013-2014 Academic Year

Action Taken: 1) Analyze and improve upon the student-athlete questionnaires
2) Follow-up on the athletic department’s strategic plan with Lee Workman.
3) Work towards having more faculty involved in proctoring, mentoring and other needed areas as requested by student development.
4) Works toward allowing graduating student-athletes ability to wear a cord/sash/etc. at graduation.
5) Have Nelson Cooper share the vision of the University Studies major and ensure that student-athletes don’t disproportionately declare this major.
6) Have J Batt share the role of the Pirate Club

Agenda Item: Athletic Department Update

Action Taken: Nick Floyd shared with the committee the current state of the athletic department. Topics discussed were the athletic budget, season ticket sales, the athletic success of the volleyball program, the academic success of the women’s basketball and swimming teams. Nick also discussed the opening of the new basketball practice facility and the progress of the final fundraising efforts. Additionally, everything is in place as we move to the new AAC conference on July 1, 2014.

Next Meeting: October 22, 2013 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Cal Christian/Nick Rupp