University Athletics Committee  
November 30, 2005  
Jones Academic Enhancement Room, Murphy Center

Person Presiding: Dr. Taggart, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

Regular Members in Attendance: Dr. Chia, Dr. Rohrer, Dr. Schultz, Dr. Senne, and Dr. Taggart.

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Boyce, Dr. Decker, Ms. Dickson, Dr. Dosser, Dr. Felts, Mr. Holland, Mr. Jarman, Dr. Peel, Ms. Quinn, and Ms. Thompson.

Others in Attendance: N/A

Actions of Meeting

I. Approval of October 26, 2005, Committee minutes. October 26, 2005 UAC minutes will be revised partially based on confidentiality issue relative to Academic Integrity Subcommittee. The revised edition will be presented for approval at the February 2006 Committee meeting.

A motion was made to address the reporting of minutes. It was suggested that a more general notation of minutes be reported. A motion was made to keep the Committee discussion general in nature relative to motions that are made. Academic Integrity Subcommittee meetings will be noted; however, no minutes will be taken. Motion approved.

II. Report from Dr. Dosser on Academic Integrity Subcommittee. Dr. Dosser shared the NCAA certification process. A motion was made that Committee request that Academic Affairs financial support in order to send a team (including some Committee members) to attend one of the NCAA summer training workshops on compliance in order to become more familiar with requirements and the process.

III. Final discussion on proposed resolution relating to Conference USA mission and University’s desire to schedule competitions in ways that do not conflict with class time. A draft of the resolution was presented to the Committee to consider. It was moved and seconded to accept the resolution as written. Motion approved. The Chair will request that this be an agenda item for the January Faculty Senate meeting.

The motion passed reads as follows:

Whereas the Conference USA Mission states that the conference is to: (1) support the primary education mission of member institutions and (2) protect
and promote the welfare of student-athletes. (p 129) Whereas the Conference USA Guiding Principles state that the conference “places its highest value upon high academic achievement. The student first, the athlete second.”

Whereas Conference USA institutions are so geographically dispersed that travel to competitions within the conference may negatively impact the student-athlete’s academic performance.

Whereas the 2005 Conference USA Women’s Soccer Championship required the East Carolina University student athletes to be absent from classes for an entire week during the middle of the academic semester.

Whereas the student athletes competing on the ECU men’s basketball missed an average of 14 class days due to CUSA games during the 2001 to 2004 seasons.

Whereas the student athletes competing on the ECU volleyball missed an average of 8 class days due to CUSA games during the 2001 to 2004 seasons.

Be it resolved that the East Carolina Faculty Senate requests that the Athletic Director and Chancellor work with other Conference USA members to take all practical measures to reduce the class days missed due to athletic competition. These measures should include but not be limited to:

The timely completion of a study that applies standardized measures to determine the extent of the problem across the conference.

Establishing specific policies resulting in a 25% reduction in missed class days over a two-year period.

Eliminating scheduling of mid-week conference contests whenever practical.

Creating conference tournament schedules that do not conflict with the primary academic mission of the conference members.

IV. Discussion on continuing eligibility. Requirements for NCAA continuing eligibility were presented by Ms. Boyce in handout form. This outlines requirements for progress toward a degree. The process as to how this is tracked in ECU Athletics was explained. How student-athletes transition from academic advising in Athletics to a major advisor was also discussed.

Compliance officers will consider the possibility of the Academic Subcommittee doing some spot checking in terms of continuing eligibility. They will report back to the UAC.
Forms used to track continuing eligibility were distributed to the Committee and the process in completion of forms was explained.

V. Future meeting dates and agendas
Next meeting will be held Feb 1, 2006 at 3:30 PM in the Murphy Center. Agenda items will include:

1. Athletics items
   i. Reports from Dr. Dossor, Ms. Boyce, and/or Ms. Thompson
2. Integrated planning process—Dr. Peel
   i. How can the integrated planning process help us in our desire to further meet the educational and athletic needs of our student-athletes?
   ii. Can the planning process help us in the issues of class attendance as related to conference scheduling?
   iii. Can the planning process help us in relationship to compliance and eligibility?
   iv. We recently suffered the loss of our soccer program. Is there something in the planning process, in relation to University Development, that can help us resurrect that program?
   v. And, in relation to the planning process, can we as a faculty send the message back to our individual units that the integrated planning process presents an opportunity for all of us to help move our university forward?

VI. Report from Director of Athletics
Mr. Holland informed the Committee that there were currently 3 coaching searches in process: men’s golf, women’s golf, and men’s soccer.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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