

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2018, 3:30 PM

Regular Member Attendees: Alex Durland, Mark Moore, Deborah Shoop, Lori Flint, Liz Doster, Mark Moore, Sharon Justice, Chal Benson

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Peter Francia, Phillip Wood, Dan Disano

Ex-officio Members (without vote): Sharon Moore, Lee Workman, Travis Alford

1. Approval of the September 25th, 2018 minutes
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Deborah Shoop, seconded by Liz Doster, motion passed.
2. Update from Department of Athletics Representative (Lee Workman).
Mr. Workman discussed the record student athlete GPA from last year at 3.14, up from the prior year's record 3.07. He attributed success in this area to the student athletes being recruited and the utilization of academic resources provided to them. He then provided a review of the currently active fall sports teams and their athletic records and achievements. He provided an update on the director of athletics position which does not have an open search yet. Dave Hart will be here as an advisor to the department until December 15th so it is expected that the chancellor will provide direction on a search in the near future. The proposal for increasing student fees for athletics from \$723 to \$798 was brought up. Mr. Workman discussed the approval process for the fee, moving through student government to the board of trustees and then to the board of governors for final approval. The athletics department has been hosting open forums to discuss with students the proposed fee increase and answer questions or concerns they may have. It was mentioned the current ECU fees are 12th lowest in the state, and traditionally account for between 39-44% of the department budget. He felt the response has been positive especially with the presence of student athletes and coaches to answer questions during these forums. He informed the committee on how the fee will impact the budget as only one aspect to close a projected short fall, which much of the other cut backs affecting maintenance, travel, meals and by not filling salaried positions. The fee will be incorporated into the general athletics budget which does not have state allocated dollars and is used for general operations, salaries, and maintenance/upkeep. Stadium renovations are not part of this budget but come from private donations. He briefly mentioned goals to increase pirate club membership and donations to help generate more revenue with the hopes of being able to use this revenue to completely fund scholarships.
3. Update from Faculty Athletics Representative (Cal Christian).
Dr. Christian reported being involved as part of a committee from athletics to revise the master strategic plan for the university with focus on facilities. He discussed the student athlete advisory committee (SAAC) and their recent role with mental health awareness month both locally on campus, and at the conference level with their involvement at the American Athletics Conference media day. An overview of the student athlete exit survey was provided which give a student athlete a chance for confidential feedback at the end of their years of competition. There is a similar survey for returning student athletes to be completed at the end of each year. Response rates are about 68% and 34%

respectively. The results are reviewed in the department, with coaches and with university administration. Dr. Christian asks the board to review the survey questions, and consider how to increase response rates so that at our next meeting we can discuss this along with some of the prior year's results. His second point of discussion was missed class time. This will be a topic of discussion as he attends the fall American Athletic Conference FAR meeting. It has been proposed for that meeting that the conference does not schedule back to back travel weekends. Dr. Christian requests that this committee review the missed class lists for fall sports to bring up discussion on any recommended improvements at the next meeting. He did mention praises for the faculty accommodations to the student athlete's schedule and the adaptability of student athletes to the demands of their schedules.

4. Discussion/Approval of Goals:

Goals for this committee were reviewed with the decision to omit a previously met goal, and some minor edits in wording. Lori Flint chair of this committee will make the final revisions and send them out to members.

5. Member comments/discussion:

General discussion began about how to achieve some of these goals, including the possibility of this committee attending a SAAC meeting, and how to improve response rates on student athlete progress reports.

Next meeting is November 27, 2018 at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Durland