

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES
October 29, 2019, 3:30 PM

Regular Member Attendees: Alex Durland, Mike Harris, Charles Meadows, Sharon Justice, Peter Francia

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Bob Kulesher, Matthew Miller

Ex-officio Members (without vote): Mark Sanders, Alex Keddie, Sue-L Cohen, Jon Gilbert, Chris Stansbury

Guests: Danielle Morrin

1. Meeting was presided over by Mike Harris in the absence of the committee chair.
Approval of the September 24th, 2019 minutes
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cal Christian, seconded by Bob Kulesher, motion passed.
2. Update from Director of Athletics Jon Gilbert: Jon Gilbert reported on the positive atmosphere and culture that has been established within the department, and is pleased with the momentum to continue this moving forward. He updated this committee on recently proposed NCAA changes that will allow student athletes to profit from their name/image/likeness in the near future (2021). This will likely be the beginning of major reforms, and overall he expects this to impact recruiting. The department is looking at ways to generate more revenue which has included an increase in men's basketball ticket sales, and power 5 football scheduling. He mentioned that currently the department relies heavily on main campus mental health services and that he hopes to hire a departmental position for this service in the future. A proposed increase in student fees what brought before the SGA and was voted down.
3. Update from Faculty Athletics Representative Cal Christian: Dr. Christian seconded Jon Gilbert's comments on the positive atmosphere in athletics, and mentioned the excellent job the compliance department is doing staying ahead of any potential issues. He mentioned Jay Golden as guest at this committee's next meeting to discuss research initiative and how this can involve athletics. Mental health of the student athlete has still been the topic of discussion throughout the AAC and at the FAR meeting, as well as the topics of student athlete access to service learning/study abroad opportunities. He also reports that he is continuing his goal to improve the relationship between the faculty and the athletics department.
4. Discussion with Director of Life Skills and Community Service Liaison Danielle Morrin: Danielle gave an overview of her role in providing student athletes with access to career development services, personal development workshops/opportunities and community outreach. She mentioned the upcoming green ribbon handout for mental health awareness, a workshop for transitioned from student to employee, and modules that incoming athletes complete for Title IX competency. With regards to student athlete community service she discussed the opportunity for some self-directed initiatives, to help create meaningful, and enjoyable experiences for the student athlete. The opportunities are all cleared by the compliance department. She presented the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's role and new goals for the year, and mentioned her role in

teaching leadership courses for student athletes. Her comments for faculty who teach student athletes is to treat them as individuals, listen and recognize them as a person and get to know them on a personal basis as their interactions in class can influence the rest of their day even as it pertains to athletic performance.

5. Discussion with Senior Associate Athletics Director for Compliance Alex Keddie: Alex gave an overview of her role and job of the compliance department. She emphasized the importance of knowing the rules of proper and improper benefits to both recruits and student athletes. Her department is working on outlining these rules to distribute to the faculty to educate them on these rules.
6. Member Comments: Matthew Miller the Representative of the Student Body elaborated on the voting down of athletic student fee increases. He mentioned that students did not like the current deficit in athletics, and that they felt they were not getting the value of what they currently pay in fees recommending reform of the pirate club. He expressed the students concern about the use of the fee increase for training table services, something the Jon Gilbert elaborated on as well as explaining the athletic departments role as part of the university, and how it's budget is similarly positioned to other universities of comparable size.

Next meeting is November 19, 2019 at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Durland