

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES  
January 22, 2019, 3:30 PM

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

Ex-officio Members (with vote): Cal Christian, Phillip Wood

Ex-officio Members (without vote): Sharon Rogers Moore, Matt Militello, Chris Stansbury, Nita Boyce, Austin Allen, Jon Gilbert

1. Approval of the November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes  
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chal Benson, seconded by Cal Christian motion passed.
2. Introduction of Director of Athletics Jon Gilbert  
Jon Gilbert was introduced as the new Director of Athletics. He informed the committee of his background and path to ECU. Mr. Gilbert pointed out 3 major areas of focus which he hoped to accomplish being 1. To align the athletics department with the institution and its mission/vision, 2. Implement comprehensive excellence in academics among student athletes including helping to foster the personal growth of student athletes, and 3. To promote community engagement and visibility of the department throughout our region. An overview of this committee's charge and goals was given to Mr. Gilbert. Austin Allen the president of the SAAC mentions the excitement of student athletes with Mr. Gilbert's vision for the department.
3. Update from Faculty Athletics Representative (Cal Christian).  
Dr. Christian reported on consultants hired by the board of trustees to assess athletics in improving their APR scores, having completed their review but no report yet available. He reported that men's basketball has significantly improved their GPA this past semester, having a record semester which will positively influence APR scores moving forward. The AAC symposium will meet later this year, and AAC vice chancellors will be meeting in April looking to build research partnerships among the conference universities. Some other positive notes included softball being able to reschedule a non-conference game that was originally on reading day, and that progress on the Ward study area remodel has moved along hoping for completion by the end of June this year. He also mentions that football plans on moving their practice next fall semester back to the afternoons.
4. Discussion from the Committee  
Topics of discussion for next and future meetings were brought up to include, depression and the athlete and how it is managed, review of student athlete schedules for time management assessment and they can be better advised on self-management to prepare them for graduation. It was also brought up to follow up on how we can combine starfish reporting with athlete progress reports and improve their response rates, and to review what it included in an academic performance plan for athletes.

Next meeting is February 26, 2019 at 3:30 PM.  
Respectfully submitted, Alex Durland