

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2019, 3:30 PM

Regular Member Attendees: Lori Flint, Alex Durland, Mark Moore, Chal Benson,

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

Ex-officio Members (without vote): Matt Militello, Chris Stansbury, Nita Boyce, Jon Gilbert, Alex Keddie

1. Approval of the January 22nd, 2019 minutes
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chal Benson, seconded by Kathy Cox motion passed.
2. Introduction of Director of Compliance Alex Keddie with update from Director of Athletics Jon Gilbert.
Jon Gilbert reported on new and ongoing renovations and updates throughout athletics including weight room renovations, practice field improvements, and several roof repairs. He spoke about collaboration with the Department of Nutrition in helping with the hiring of a nutritionist for the athletics department to assist student athletes. The pigskin pigout with spring game and piratefest is coming the weekend of April 13th, the search for a new woman's basketball coach is ongoing with hopes of having someone in place soon. He also mentions the NCAA changes in how transfers are completed and how this has increased the number of student athletes in the transfer portal both here at ECU and across the country. It was mentioned by fellow committee members that Mr. Gilbert recently presented at Faculty Senate with good feedback on the information from this presentation.
3. Update from Faculty Athletics Representative (Cal Christian).
Dr. Christian discussed the role of compliance reporting with the director of compliance and the director of athletics and the role that this committee could play in oversight of academic compliance. He has met with internal auditors to review current structure for the reporting of violations and complaints. Student athletes this year are being encouraged to attend general orientation to help bridge the gap between life as a traditional student and that of a student athlete. The possibility of assigning faculty representative to each sports team was discussed and the benefits this could provide for the student athlete. The APR audit from the NCAA will be starting soon, and this summer there will be a training session for registrars in regards to NCAA eligibility. The AAC Symposium is coming up this weekend in Tulsa with a focus on student athlete well-being with a focus on mental health. There will be two ECU faculty members presenting research at this symposium. Dr. Christian recently traveled with baseball and will be traveling with the softball team, to gain continued insight on the demands of a road schedule on the student athlete. He also mentioned the upcoming Goldsby's and Breakfast of Champions awards programs through the athletics department.
4. Discussion from the Nita Boyce
Nita Boyce presented on the 3 tiers of an academic support program that is in place for student athletes. The 3 tiers of Core Assistance, Supplemental Assistance, and Intensive Assistance is based on level of need. Plans become more individualized as the student athlete needs are identified with both their strengths and weakness being addressed to

ensure the success of the plan. Plans are updated throughout the semester. All incoming special talent student athletes are screened for any support they may need.

5. Without further discussion or questions from the committee the academic sub committee met in a closed door session with Nita Boyce (M. Moore, Durland, Flint, Cox, Christian, Benson, Militello).

Next meeting is April 23, 2019 at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Alex Durland