

## University Athletics Committee Meeting

Nov 17 , 2020. 3:30 pm Held In Teams

Attendees: Michael Harris, Karen Vail-Smith, Cal Christian, Chris Buddo, Erik Kneubuehl, Charles Meadows, Thompson Forbes, Sharon Justice, Jean-Luc Scemama, Mark Sanders, Jennifer Bonner

Athletics: Alex Keddie, Nita Boyce,

Motion to accept Oct minutes by Cal and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Vail-Smith. Motion passed.

Mike Harris called the meeting to order and welcomed Alex Keddie to the meeting who provided an Athletics update on behalf of Jon Gilbert.

- Signing day: we have signed 56 Pirates for all sports except for Football. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> is the early sign date for football.
- Basketball season begins Nov 25.
- Women's basketball just released their non-conference schedule. They will begin on at Towson state and plan Nov 25th
- All Spring sports plus Soccer Volleyball and XC will also compete in the spring and host championships TBD
- No off site recruiting until Feb 1. We are in a dead zone that has run since March 2020
- Prospects are making decisions without ever visiting campus.

### Cal Christian Provided a Faculty Rep update

Last week we had the Faculty Athletics Rep meeting with the AAC.

Schools are approaching the spring very differently. Example: Some schools are requiring all faculty to come back to campus and offer all programs in person while still adhering to the CDC guidelines. Our approach has been to offer everything virtually, even all student tutoring, academic support, as well as all instruction.

Student Opinion survey will be open for student athletes again in the spring.

### Alex Keddie: What is the Transfer Portal?

This process was introduced in Oct 2018. This process facilitates the student athlete transfer process. The foundation of the portal is to help students to have discussions with other institutions if they are interested in leaving their current team.

Student athlete requests a transfer notification form that is completed by the student and then to compliance to get the students entered into the portal within 2 business days. Coaches and administrators are then brought into the loop to review the student request.

Division 1 SAC created a resource document that displays the rules and the process for the NCAA

Students acknowledge their understanding that their Athletic Aid can be cancelled at the time of the next semester, AND their roster spot is not guaranteed. Students can lose their roster spot immediately even if during the season.

Student athletes are educated multiple times on the transfer portal process:

- At the beginning of each year so everyone is informed of the policies and the resulting implications.
- At time of signing grant in aid agreement
- Students acknowledge each year that they have been educated on the transfer portal process

Nita Boyce provided an update on Academic Continuity of Services for Fall 2020

Jennifer Bonner conducted the Spring survey and shared the results of that survey.

- 100% of staff responded that services were effective, and 78% of Athletes responded that services were just as good as in person.
- Responses about Challenges from Staff: lack of accountability and distractions, technology and lack of screen sharing
- Students reported technical issues, internet issues, and difficulty of seeing what tutors were sharing (screen share)
- Students responded that they were not getting feedback from faculty quickly enough in order to make changes or adjustments during the semester.
- 62% of students responded that they were able to overcome challenges.
- Update suggestions: Student workers wanted more input into their meeting schedule
- All respondents asked for a new meeting platform instead of WebEx
- Student athletes requested better internet, and tutorials on how to use the online meeting platforms.

Planning committees were established for the Academic Support Services

- Public Health
- Virtual state up
- Tutorial services
- Study Hall Redesign
- Academic Integrity Education

An updated Academic Service plan was developed as a result of the work of the above committees. FYI: There are 56 Student tutors on staff

Academic Staff are using Teams, Microsoft Bookings and created tutorials on how to use all the tools and the platform. Canvas has been used as well.

**The group transitioned into the closed session of the Academic Integrity subcommittee.**

Thompson Forbes, Charles Meadows, Michael Harris, Jean-Luc Scemama, Sharon Justice heard from Nita Boyce and Cal Christian.

Nita provided a review of the academic performance of the student athletes for Fall 19 and Spring 20.

Cal motioned to adjourn with Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Submitted by

Sharon Justice

Secretary UAC