

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (UAC) MEETING MINUTES
Feb. 18, 2020, 3:30 PM

Regular Member Attendees: Mike Harris, Sharon Justice, Deborah Shoop

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

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

1. Meeting was opened with the call to approve minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Cal Christian, seconded by Sharon Justice, motion passed.
2. Update from Jon Gilbert, Athletics Director: Thirteen teams averaged a 3.0 GPA or better for the fall semester. This reflects the commitment of coaches to make academics a priority and the success of the Academic Center. The American Athletic Conference (AAC) released the fall football schedule for 2020. The first game will be to celebrate and honor the 50th anniversary of the tragedy that occurred while returning to Huntington on a charter flight following the Marshall game in Greenville in 1970. ECU will play two Thursday games and one Friday game. These games are great for national exposure, but less so for the fan base. The Pirate Club is searching for an Executive Director and Jon anticipates filling the position by mid to late spring. The position is part of the leadership team in the Athletic Department. The Goldspys student athlete awards are April 20th. Bill Clark will be recognized as Donor of the Year and James Maynard will be recognized for a Lifetime Achievement award. The AAC is moving its headquarter to Dallas, TX over the summer and it is anticipated will eventually add a twelfth team.
3. Update from Faculty Athletics Representative Cal Christian: Dr. Christian commented on his meeting with the Interim Provost to discuss common issues such as waivers and class management specifics. The annual AAC symposium is coming up in March in Tampa, FL, which he will report back on.
4. Alex Keddie provided an overview of processes involving student athlete compliance. The areas covered were certifying eligibility, monitoring CARA and RARA, process for reporting concerns/violations, and training sessions for student athletes. Initial eligibility for freshmen is determined by the NCAA Eligibility Center based off high school coursework. Transfer eligibility for incoming transfers is determined by the institution, specifically, the registrar's office. Eligibility for returners is based on their academic success in the previous term. Student-athletes are cleared for competition in fall and spring based off each term. [CARA](#) (Countable Athletically Related Activities) and RARA (Required Athletically Related Activities) were defined. Both are reviewed in a system called Teamworks. Coaches are required to submit a Time Management Plan in Teamworks for all their student-athletes. This should have all required CARA/RARA activities. Student-athletes are educated at the beginning of the year and sign an ethical conduct agreement within an NCAA required form. They understand that the Compliance Office is a resource and if they are unsure that they or a coach or a teammate broke a rule, they can always come to the office, send an email directly, or even send a text. They can

also go to the sport administrator regarding the concern and they will notify Compliance. Compliance travels with teams and stops by practices and workouts time to time to ensure student-athletes know who they are and as a monitoring effort. Multiple training sessions are available and held throughout the year, required and as requested.

5. Member Comments: Matthew Miller rep of the student body updated the group on the Responsible Behavior Initiative. They are in process of assembling a committee to include representatives from ECU PD, Student Affairs leadership and Greek Life. There have also been discussions of ways to incentivize behavior including citations for good work and textbook vouchers.

Next meeting is March 17, 2020 at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Sanders