**University Athletics Committee Meeting** 

April 21, 2021. 3:30 pm Held In Teams

Attendees: Michael Harris, Karen Vail-Smith, Cal Christian, Peter Francia, Chris Buddo, , Charles

Meadows, Thompson Forbes, Sharon Justice, Mark Sanders, Alex Durland,

Athletics: Jon Gilbert, Nita Boyce, Alex Kiddie

Motion to accept March minutes by Sharon Justice 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Fancia. Motion passed.

Mike Harris called the meeting to order and welcomed Jon Gilbert to the meeting who provided an Athletics update.

Jon Gilbert provided an update

Women's golf placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the conference.

Dorthea Forbrigd won the championship and will advance.

- The one time transfer rule passed last week. It allows athletes to transfer for the first time and not have a waiting period. The downside will be so many athletes in the portal that it will be a challenge finding a roster spot in another institution. It will be the norm going forward. The AAC has eliminated the barrier to inter conference transfer
- A second weight room is currently under planning phase. It will be funded as a part of the Grady White gift. There will be no debt incurred in the construction
- Soon new positions will be posted are revenue based positions. (Pirate club, Ticket Office, Etc.). We did have 18 open positions and will not be pushing to fill all of them at this time
- We submitted a regional bid to host baseball in the tournament. We will know by May 10<sup>th</sup> if we are selected to host.
- We are anticipating that we will be back to attendance capacity for fall sports. We are hopeful the Governor releases any attendance restrictions.
- 35-40% of student athletes have received vaccines as of Mid April. We are not sure what the future holds in regards to Covid Vax rates. Testing protocols are still in place and will continue through summer. We are hopeful it will be relaxed by Fall.
- Peter Francia asked: What is your opinion of the Collage Athlete Bill of rights that is currently working through congress. Name Image and Likeness bill. Jon is the opinion it will pass at some point in the future. States are making individual rules.

Cal Provided a FAR update. There wasn't much to share this meeting. Breakfast of Champions and Goldspy winners have been selected. There will be virtual celebrations for both events.

Alex Kiddie provided a short update. Danielle Morrin has hosted several excellent life skill events for our athletes. They have been excellent programs.

Michael thanked the group for their service this year.

The group moved into sub committee session with Nita Boyce for the academic integrity information. (Mike, Peter, Thompas, Alex, Sharon, Charles and Cal.

Nita indicated that the Freshman class has had a rough year with limited to no on campus activities, support, tutoring and mentoring. Fall semester overall student athlete average was 3.15 GPA. There are no presented academic concerns with any specific team.

Nita shared that programing and tutoring may offer hybrid approaches next fall. Surveys are underway to determine how to offer tutoring and support programs going forward.

Motion to adjourn: Peter, Second by Sharon Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sharon Justice, Secretary UAC 4-21-2021