

**University Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 22, 2022, 3:30pm**  
**Pat Draughon Study Center Conference Room**

Attendees: Timm Hackett, Cal Christian, Alex Keddie, Amanda Moore, Kevin Williams, Karen Vail-Smith, Andrew Pickett, Emily Yeager, Mark Sanders, Stephanie White, Mike Harris

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Timm Hackett.

1. Approval of the October 25, 2020 minutes with amendment (a) added to minutes
  - a. ECU leads FBS group of 5 currently in home game attendance.
  - b. Motion to approve by Karen Vail-Smith, Second by Mike Harris. Approved.
2. Update from Chair, Timm Hackett
  - a. Generate ideas and planning for spring semester, email with thoughts or ideas.
  - b. No UAC meeting will be held in December.
3. Updates from Student-Athlete Development- SAD (Stephanie White)
  - a. Working with Dowdy/Barnes and Noble Bookstore to have pre-packaged student-athlete book orders for spring semester delivered to Athletics campus prior to spring semester
    - i. Advisors will help distribute once packages arrive
  - b. Member comments:
    - i. Look at use of Dowdy/Barnes and Noble on campus with ongoing partnership but also consider partnership and costs associated with UBE
    - ii. Will student-athletes have option for e-book or hard copy?
      1. Yes, will be offered choice and preference
      2. General codes will be housed within Student Athlete Development office and issued to student athletes for textbook resources and access to online content when needed.
4. Updates from NCAA Compliance (Alex Keddie)
  - a. ECU Football is bowl game eligible and should know location of game by first week of December, possibly earlier.
  - b. Exciting time for ECU Football, Athletics, and the University to allow great marketing and our name being seen across TV and media.
  - c. Logistics is tough for travelling with large team, staff and administration
  - d. Expense is also kept in consideration
  - e. Bowl games also allow for educational experiences for student-athletes to learn about city and surrounding areas
  - f. Eligibility for all athletes will be examined once grades are final
    - i. For the FB Bowl game the SAD and Compliance are on top of this and will be working diligently with FB staff as grades are final for fall semester

- g. Member Comments:
  - i. General discussion surrounded eligibility, courses and credits needed
  - ii. Grad Certificates are being utilized if eligible for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year student athletes
  
- 5. Update from Faculty Athletics Representative (Cal Christian)
  - a. Chancellor Rogers has major role within the AAC and the transformative committee that looks at the ever-changing landscape of our conference in college athletics
    - i. ECU has a seat at the table for decisions being made and our best interest
    - ii. Governance is passed down to conference and allowed to disseminate to each institution
    - iii. AAC FAR's met recently.
      - 1. Discussion surrounding Alston scholarship money
      - 2. 4/13-4/15/2023 AAC Research symposium
      - 3. Graduation rates from AAC made public and AAC looks great.
    - iv. FAR has utmost confidence in administration between the FAR, Stephanie White, Alex Keddie, students, and coaches.
  
- 6. Remarks from Amanda Moore, Head Coach ECU Lacrosse
  - a. ECU Lacrosse completed 5<sup>th</sup> season (3<sup>rd</sup> non-COVID related) and had their 1<sup>st</sup> winning season!
  - b. Goal as a team is to have comprehensive excellence with high character and high academic achievement.
  - c. Strength of ECU is breadth and depth of course offerings and able to provide courses/certificates for grad transfers
  - d. Post-Grad course offerings are helping with recruiting to ECU due to diverse offerings and majors
  - e. ECU Lacrosse staff now has 2 years of graduates to show how to prepare student athletes for life after graduation.
  - f. Member Comments:
    - i. How do grad programs work with you?
      - 1. GPA a major factor, core classes and letters of rec
      - 2. Out of state students are challenging to highlight and accept as students for grad school
      - 3. Worked on building relationships with programs as student athletes have been involved with programs on campus
    - ii. How do you work with challenging majors/courses?
      - 1. Some majors, due to offerings and times, may be tougher than others
      - 2. Give and take needed for working relationships but know we have laid the foundation the first 5 years to hopefully make working relationships even better for next lacrosse student athlete taking an instructors course
    - iii. How do you recruit, maintain and retain talent with transfer portal?

1. Always recruiting but will not compromise the standard that ECU lacrosse has established
2. Will have to fight battles with extra year of eligibility and what that does to a team

7. Remarks from Kevin Williams, Head Coach ECU Men's Golf

- a. Entering his 25<sup>th</sup> year at ECU serving as golf coach for Men. Has held coaching roles with both men and women during his tenure in different time frames.
- b. For ECU Men's golf it starts with communication and expectations laid out on the very first recruiting trip or visit to campus.
- c. Wants our golfers to make an impact and spell it out on being a great teammate, performing well in academics and being a great athlete.
- d. Will lean heavily on support staff to know how important the academic support system is within our Student Athlete development team and advisors.
- e. Member Comments:
  - i. General discussion involving eligibility, number of athletes on team and working with scholarships and academics for what can be offered to golf student athletes.

8. Member Comments:

- a. Alex Keddie generated discussion with both Coaches on our focus as a UAC in telling the Athlete story.
  - i. ECU Lacrosse brings all walks of life to ECU and invests in our time wisely for time spent with team during the week.
  - ii. ECU Men's Golf has international students that bring impact to team and how that has its own unique challenges for the student-athlete.
  - iii. General discussion ensued with scholarship offerings for both Lacrosse and Men's Golf.
    1. Partial scholarships are apart of the athlete story and understanding that info is widely unknown.
    2. Impact based pieces for player and scholarships.
- b. Discussion amongst group concerning University wide scholarships and qualifications to apply.
  - i. Student athletes still have need and merit-based scholarships to apply for
  - ii. Encouraged both Coaches and Stephanie White to encourage student athletes to look into University scholarships portal at the following <https://ecu.academicworks.com/>
    1. Once student athlete enters general scholarship information, the portal automatically places the student into scholarships that each are qualified for.
- c. What would you like to see from Committee to help your team?
  - i. Men's Golf missed classes will happen and rely heavily on SAD team to help with courses and instructors at beginning of semester.
  - ii. Encourage faculty to have open-mindedness when student athletes will have a 12-13 hour day playing in golf events.

1. Give and take needed and need to establish working relationship at the start of a semester.
    - iii. ECU Lacrosse travel in the spring is commercial and will have logistical travel nightmares sometimes and hope faculty can understand that team will do their best
      1. Must have give/take relationship to excel but is challenging in the spring season when internships are needed for spring semester courses.
        - a. Trying to work with programs in advance, along with SAD, to help move or change offerings of internships if possible.
9. UAC unanimously thanked both Coach Moore and Coach Williams for their time and willingness to speak with our committee.
10. Motion to adjourn by Timm Hackett, Second by Andrew Pickett. Adjourned at 5pm.
11. Next meeting 1/31/2023 at 3:30pm, Pat Draughon Study Center Conference room.