

University Athletic Committee Agenda
February 15, 2022, 3:30pm
Pat Draughon Study Center Conference Room/MS Teams

Attendance: Mark Sanders, Stacy Warner, Erik Kneubuehl, Jonathan Gilbert, Thompson Forbes, Sharon Justice, Cal Christian, Adriana Cowell, Shannon Powell, Karen Vail-Smith, Mike Harris, Stephanie White, Tim Hackett, Alex Durland

1. Approval of the January 18, 2022 minutes

Approved

2. Update from Athletics Director (Jon Gilbert)

- New agreement with multimedia company.
- In the process of hiring a general manager.
- Excited about Spring season. This is the busiest part of the year. Six
- New weight room has broken ground. Behind baseball stadium. Looking at a Dec/Jan completion.
- Football schedule to be released later in the week. Opening with NCSU at home.
- In the middle of soccer head coaching search. Previous coach is taking an assistant coach job at a different institution.
- Question regarding students looking for employment status at universities – National labor board reviewing if students can be viewed as employees. This will be lengthy process for review. Focused on Football and Mens/Womens Basketball. The review is occurring in CA.
- Speculation is that there will be a professional paid and a scholarship model for athletes in the future.

3. Update from Faculty Athletics Representative (Cal Christian)

- Academic advisers and athletic administrations having great collaboration.
- Rachel Rodriguez has left her position and a new search is being conducted.
- The symposium is the first weekend in April. ECU is continuing to being represented in grants.
- Baseball and Football banquets recently held. Rewarding to see student athletes performing well in the classroom.
- Will not be requiring SAT test scores in the future and that impacts where students and athletes are attending.

4. Discussion with Jake Kirkendall Director of Operations for ECU Football

- Been at ECU for 1 year. Previously at Vanderbilt in same role.

- Building relationships with faculty and athletes.
- Scope varies from nutrition to cleaning of the facility.
- During season making sure that students are in the right place at the right time. Making sure athletes have daily schedule regarding academics, meals, therapies, and practices. Coordinating gameday travel. Eliminate distractions of game day operations so that students can focus on being a student athlete.
- 50-60 people travel with team that are not student athletes.
- Football travels in charter through third party provider of aircraft.
- Develop relationship with student athletes through working through coordination of schedules and working out operational issues.
- Opportunities for student involvement: In the process of rebuilding recruiting department and teaching students recruiting aspects. Currently hiring someone to assist with on campus recruiting events. Students with operations interest may be able to work with Jake.

5. Member Comments

Adjourn – 1620

Next meeting March 15th.