

University Athletics Committee
January 24, 2017
Bowman Room, Jamerson Athletic Center

Members Present: Holly Scoggins (Chair), Whit Babcock, Mike Casasanta, Rachel Holloway, Robena Hughes, Jennifer Hundley, Irene Leech, Matt Mayotte, Thomas Mills, Jay Poole, Stephen Schoenholtz, Savita Sharma, Terry Swecker, Joe Tront, Steve Trost, Paul Winistorfer, Chris Wise

Members Absent: Joe Gabbard, Leon Geyer, Bill Lansden, Jacob Lutz, Rob Parker, Patty Perillo, John Pinkerton, Dwight Shelton

Guests Present: Sarah Armstrong, Reyna Gilbert-Lowry, Matt Mayotte, Mike Goforth, Tim Parker

Recorder: Megan Burkner, Assistant Director Compliance

Holly Scoggins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda, and was passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 30, 2016

Recommendation to revise the word “to” to “the” under item 5.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 24, 2016. The motion was passed unanimously.

Administrative Items

3. New Member Introductions

- Megan Burkner: Assistant Director Compliance
- Robena Hughes: Development Associate with University Development
- Stephen Schoenholtz: Professor and Director of the Forest Hydrology and Soils Lab (College of Natural Resources and Environment), subbing for Brian Strahm
- SGA will nominate a new member – TBD

4. Subcommittees

- Handout provided listing members and business
- Subcommittee structure was amended in 2015

Business

5. AD Update and Q&A

Whit Babcock, Director of Athletics

- NCAA Convention
- Much to be excited about here on campus
- Personnel
 - Jill Wilson
 - New Head Volleyball Coach
 - 10-year Assistant at LSU
 - Good attention from volleyball world
 - Omar Banks
 - New Senior Associate AD for Business (CFO)
 - Grew up in Tidewater Virginia
 - Worked with Whit at University of Cincinnati
- Coach Fuente: “We were 25 yards away from beating the National Champions”
- Student-athlete average GPA was 2.9 for the fall semester (target is always 3.0)

Questions/Comments:

- Congratulations on recent successes
- 9 pm games seem to be coming up more and more -- what harm does it do to the student to compete that late?
 - *Travel from away games -- teams leave right after the game to return to campus, regardless of how late.*
- Observations of first bowl game in Charlotte?
 - *Great experience; winning, of course, helps.*
- Will there be an Early Signing Period for Football?
 - *To be voted on in April as part of a larger recruiting package for football.*

6. Report from the 2017 NCAA Convention (Nashville, TN, Jan 18-20)

Dr. Joseph Tront, Faculty Athletics Representative

- FARs, ADs, SWAs, Compliance Staff attended
- ACC Meeting held prior to NCAA Autonomy Session
- Voting
 - NCAA Autonomy Proposals
 - Each school has 1 vote
 - 15 students have 1 vote each
 - Conference does not have a vote
 - NCAA Council Proposals
 - Each conference has 1 vote (reflecting majority of conference member schools)
- Autonomy
 - Time Balance Legislation
 - 9 pm - 6 am downtime

- Practice season, playing times
 - Student-Athlete Time Management Plan
 - Vacation periods, preseason practice
- Concepts
 - Career Pursuits
 - Athletics Personnel
 - Insurance and Career Transition
 - Awards, Benefits, Financial Aid
- ACC Spring Business Meeting (Feb 8-10)
 - North Carolina HB2 Legislation

Questions/Comments:

- Is the time management plan made by the student or team?
 - *It would be a by-sport model; not tailored personally for each student-athlete.*
- If the travel time cannot be downtime, what would be the budget implications? Could create further imbalances . . .
 - *Restrictions on when downtime can start are included in legislative package.*
- Is there any discussion on who/what is a “coach”?
 - *There are existing definitions of countable coaches (different staff numbers allowed). Continuing to discuss ways to control and limit staff sizes.*

7. Office of Student-Athlete Development Annual Report

Reyna Gilbert-Lowry, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Development

- Office Overview
 - Doubled staff over past two years
 - Mission Statement
- Leadership Development (Leadership Culture Series)
 - Develop up-and-coming leaders
 - Study Abroad Trip
 - Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and Executive Leadership Team
 - Mentors in Violence Prevention
- Career Development
 - Athletic Transition Seminar
 - Career Jumpstart (Juniors and Seniors, night before career fair)
 - LEAD Internship Program (opportunities for careers in athletics)
 - Postgraduate Scholarships
- Community Outreach

Questions/Comments:

- Do you track career placement rate for student-athletes?
 - *Working on better ways to have graduates participate in giving feedback (e.g. send survey, use coaches).*
- Is there an Athletics Alumni Director?

- *Monogram Club.*
- We do not have a Career Fair specific to student-athletes
 - *Preference to use the resources supplied by the University.*

8. Overview and Tour of Sports Medicine Facility

Mike Goforth, Associate Athletics Director, Sports Medicine

- Staffing/Accessibility
 - How student-athletes access services
 - Team Physicians
 - Sports Psychologist
 - Nutritionists
 - Physical Therapists
 - Massage Therapist
 - Athletic Trainers
- Services
- Facility
- Collaboration/Outreach
- Financial Considerations
- Strategic Priorities

Questions/Comments:

- What's the risk assessment protocol for return-to-play?
 - *Three-way decision-making process (between student-athlete/sports medicine/coach).*
- Reproductive Health?
 - *Not appropriate, use student health.*

Meeting adjourned during group tour of the Athletics Sports Medicine Facility.