

Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2015

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Athletics Committee was called to order at 3:30 pm on November 17, 2015.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Doris McDaniel, Dr. Lisa Clayton, Mr. Mark Linder, Mrs. Shauna James, Dr. Pat Roden, Mr. David Shields, Ms. Whitney Pacil, Mr. Alex Gould

Absent: Mr. Mark Foster, Dr. Jean Ann Helm Allen, Mrs. Debbie Williams, Mr. Ulrich Groetsch, Mr. Todd Vardaman, Mr. Evan Thornton, Dr. Andrew Luna

III. Approval of the Minutes for the Athletics Committee meeting on October 15, 2015

Dr. Pat Roden made the motion to approve the minutes on October 15, 2015 and Mrs. Doris McDaniel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

IV. FAR Report

Dr. Pat Roden stated that she had attended a meeting in Denver, Colorado. The Faculty Athletic Representatives had met to discuss and vote on the 2016 NCAA Convention Division II proposed legislation. The Athletic Committee members voted on the proposed legislation.

- Athletics Committee position – SUPPORT
 - No. 2 -1 - Athletics Personnel and playing and practice seasons – Conduct of Athletics Personnel – Strength and Conditioning personnel – National Recognized Certifications
- Athletics Committee position – SUPPORT
 - No. 2-2 - Eligibility – Recognized foreign exchange or study abroad program – Transfer, seasons of completion and outside competition exception
- Athletics Committee position – Supports with reservation and close monitoring

- No. 2-3 – Eligibility – Progress toward degree requirements – Eligibility for competition – Fulfillment of credit hour requirements after designation of degree – Credits earned in a voluntary or optional minor
- Athletics Committee position – SUPPORT
 - No. 2-4 – Eligibility – Outside competition – Competition as an individual/not representing institution – Participation of ineligibility student-athletes.
- Athletics Committee position – NO POSITION
 - No. 2-5 – Playing and practice seasons – General playing season regulations – Weekly hour limitations – Outside the playing seasons – Skill instruction – Football
- Athletics Committee position – OPPOSE
 - No. 2-6 - Playing and practice seasons – Baseball, Softball, and Women’s Volleyball – Number of contests – Conference challenge event
- Athletics Committee position – SUPPORT
 - No. 2-7 – Playing and practice seasons – Basketball – Preseason Practice – On court practice – 30 days of countable activities between October 1 and institution’s first contest
- Athletics Committee position – OPPOSE
 - Executive regulations – Selection of teams and individuals for championships participation – Automatic qualification

Student absences are addressed in the UNA faculty handbook. Missing classes for games and post season games are excused absences. To keep faculty informed of absences, student-athletes should present a letter of absence to the faculty at the beginning of the season. Dr. Roden suggested getting the faculty member to sign the letter with the absences listed and file the signed copy.

V. Minority Opportunity Committee Report

Dr. Lisa Clayton stated that the Minority Opportunity Committee had met. Dr. Clayton has written a letter to Marilyn Lee, chair of the Shared Governance Committee regarding a work group for the Minority Student-Athlete Mentoring Program. Members of the committee would coordinate the events for the program.

VI. Gender Equity Committee

The strategic planning guide is being reviewed to ensure that the action items are completed.

VII. Athletic Director Report

Mr. Mark Linder stated the fall sports were doing well. The soccer team was named GSC Soccer Champions. Football is ranked No. 2 in the region and will host the NCAA Division II Football game on November 21, 2015. Volleyball is ranked as the No. 2 in the GSC.

VIII. Adjourn

The next Athletics Committee meeting will be in January 2016.