

Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Athletics Committee was called to order at 1:00 pm on April 21, 2016.

II. Roll Call

Present: Dr. Lisa Clayton, Mr. Evan Thornton (proxy for Mr. Clinton Carter), Mrs. Shauna James, Dr. Ulrich Groetsch, Ms. Whitney Pacil, Dr. Mark Foster, Mr. Mark Linder, Dr. Jean Ann Helm Allen, Dr. Pat Roden, Mrs. Debbie Williams, and Mr. Todd Vardaman

Absent: Mr. David Shields, Mr. Clinton Carter, Mrs. Cassie Morgan, Mr. Adam McCollum, Mrs. Doris McDaniel, and Mr. Alex Gould

III. Approval of the Minutes from the Athletics Committee meeting on March 10, 2016.

Dr. Groetsch made the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 10, 2016 and Dr. Allen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. FAR Report

Dr. Pat Roden will administer the exit survey to student-athletes who have exhausted their eligibility. Pat will administer the Coaches Certification test in the summer (2016) to the UNA coaches. Coaches must pass the test before they can recruit off campus.

V. Minority Opportunity Committee Report

The Minority Opportunity Committee workgroup will meet on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. In the fall of 2016, UNA freshman student-athletes will be required to enroll in a FYE course. Two sections of the FYE course will be available. Along with faculty and staff mentoring student athletes, peer mentoring was suggested. Upperclassman student-athletes would serve as mentors to provide guidance and advice to freshman student-athletes.

VI. Gender Equity Committee Report

The Gender Equity Committee met on March 15, 2016 to discuss the strategic plan for the committee. The house on Cumberland Street will be the UNA Cross Country/Track locker room. Before any structural changes can begin for the UNA women's basketball locker room, the changes must be approved by the state.

Debbie Williams is currently working on a mission statement for the Gender Equity Committee.

VII. Athletics Director Report

Mr. Mark Linder updated the committee on the following:

- The UNA Athletics Department will host the GSC Softball Tournament.
- Members of the Athletics Department and the UNA Counseling Services have met to discuss social media and suicide rates. A timeline has been created. A white paper will be submitted to the executive council for approval. UNACONNECT1 will be presented at SOAR and during the summer 2016. Monthly themes were discussed for UNACONNECT1 such as, one hour without phone, selfie with students, act of kindness, gotcha card, etc. The intention is to create relationships on campus and a more friendly campus.
- The ISSG is due June 1, 2016.
- The Lion Leadership Academy meets once a month. Coaches select student-athletes that have strong leadership skills. The academy meets to discuss leadership issues. Guest speakers will speak at the meetings.
- Mr. Mark Linder and Dr. Kitts are meeting individually with the board members to educate them on the Division I transition.

VIII. Adjourn

Dr. Pat Roden made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Shauna James seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.