Athletics Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2011

3:30 pm

Present: Mrs. Christa Raney, Dr. Cynthia Burkhead, Dr. Amanda Hofacker, Dr. Sue Wilson, Mr. Ben Baker, Ms. Jana Morrison, Mr. Luke Mosteller, Dr. Steve Smith, Mr. Todd Vardaman, Mr. Mark Linder,

Absent: Dr. Pat Roden, Mr. David Shields, Ms. Natalie Robertson, Mr. Samuel Thigpen

Mrs. Raney asked for approval of the minutes for the October 7, 2010, November 11, 2010, and the December 2, 2010 meetings. There were no corrections or additions. Dr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as read.

Ms. Morrison stated UAH Student Athlete Advisory Committee had challenged the UNA Student Athlete Advisory Committee to a spare change drive. Both committees would collect money from one home basketball game. Money collected would be donated to the Make a Wish foundation. The winner would be presented a trophy at the UNA vs. UAH game in February. Ms. Morrison said that the Athletic Interest Survey had been completed. A total of 408 students completed the survey. The majority of the students taking the survey were seniors. The survey is a Title IX issue targeting interest in sports on campus.

The Athletics Committee will send a proposal to Dr. Cale to add two additional faculty members to the committee. The Shared Governance committee will recommend the rotation of faculty members for the Athletics Committee.

Mr. Linder updated the committee on the following information:

* Seven sports in the athletics department have either started their season or are in the process of starting. The women’s and men’s basketball teams have difficult schedules. The women’s basketball team is doing well with an 11-5 record.
* The UNA Athletics Department will host the 2011 NCAA Golf Championship tournament, May 16-20, 2011, at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.
* The Sportsman Club Celebrity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2011.
* The committee discussed the rule changes from the NCAA Convention. The rule changes will become effective August 1, 2011.
* Two secondary violations are being reported to the NCAA. The NCAA structures the penalty for violations.
* The Academic Athletics Mentor program is being restructured. The goal in the spring is for the Life Skills Program to expand and get a working schedule.
* Ande Jones and Dan Summy were hired part time in the Athletics Department. They will assist Mr. Vardaman in the area of compliance.
* The committee discussed the updates that are needed for the tennis courts, weight room and the women’s soccer locker room.
* The UNA football team will travel to Dallas, Texas to play in the Dallas Cowboys Stadium on September 17, 2011. UNA will play Abilene Christian.
* The subcommittee for the Division I study will visit institutions that have made the transition from Division II to Division I.
* The Flor-Ala interviewed Mr. Linder concerning the Division I study. They will publish an article in their next issue concerning the Division I study.
* The committee has reviewed the first five sections of the ISSG and will discuss more sections at the next meeting.

The committee discussed the resolution to continue the implementation of the scholarship plan. The scholarship plan was put on hold due to proration. The Budget Committee will need to review before implementation.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 3:30 pm. Dr. Burkhead motioned that the meeting be adjourned and Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.