

## **Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

### **I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Athletics Committee was called to order at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. The meeting was a Zoom meeting.

### **II. Roll Call**

Present: Dr. Lamont Maddox, Dr. Kimberly Greenway, Ms. Debbie Williams, Ms. Shauna James, Dr. Jeffery Ray, Mr. Doug McClain, Ms. Janae Lyde, Ms. Kayleigh Baker, Mr. Todd Vardaman, Mr. Evan Thornton, Ms. Corrie Dalrymple (proxy for Mr. Mitch Powell), Dr. Justin Joseph, Ms. Christa Raney, Dr. Jill Stupiansky, Dr. Josh Looney, Dr. Lisa Clayton, Mr. Ronnie Myers

Absent: Ms. Madison Worden, Mr. Jayce Thornton

### **III. Approval of minutes from the Athletics Committee meeting on April 14, 2021 and the Athletics Committee Charge**

Dr. Justin Joseph asked the committee to review the minutes from the meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, Ms. Kayleigh Baker made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Janae Lyde seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

The Athletics Committee introduced themselves and reviewed the Charge of the Athletics Committee.

### **IV. Election of Vice Chair for the Athletics Committee**

Dr. Justin Joseph asked the members of the Athletics Committee if anyone would like to serve as the Athletics Committee Vice President for 2021-2022. Ms. Janae Lyde stated she would like to serve as the Vice-President. Mr. Evan Thornton made the motion to approve Ms. Janae Lyde to serve as the Vice-President and Ms. Christa Raney seconded the motion.

### **V. Minority Opportunity Workgroup Report**

Ms. Janae Lyde, chair of the Minority Opportunity Workgroup, stated that the Minority Opportunity Workgroup (MOW) is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 2:00pm. Four new members were added to the MOW, Ms. Jacinta Mastin, Ms. Felicia Harris, Mr. Drew Beddingfield, and Ms. Meghan Jones.

Ms. Christa Raney, co-chair for the Mentoring program stated she had been working on the 2020-2021 report for the UNA Minority Scholar-Athlete Mentoring Program. The document will be emailed to the members of the Athletics Committee.

For 2021-2022 the mentoring program will be open for minority student-athletes to self-select and can be recommended for the program. Student-Athletes can be any classification. Anna Milwee and Todd Vardaman will educate the mentors for the program.

### **VI. Gender Equity Committee Report**

The Gender Equity Workgroup has not met since the last Athletics Committee meeting. The Gender Equity Workgroup Strategic Plan was emailed to the Athletics Committee on May 12, 2021 and was approved by email.

The NCAA updated their policy on Campus Sexual Violence. Beginning Fall of 2022 UNA will have to comply with additional requirements in order to meet the expectations of the NCAA. This will impact incoming student-athletes and transfer students. A work group has been established to prepare for these changes. Our first meeting is Friday, October 1, 2021.

Athletics is also preparing to do a Title IX Self Evaluation. Data will be collected according to the workbook that asks specific questions regarding each of the 13 program areas that are listed in the Gender Equity Strategic Plan. If anyone has any questions regarding the Self Study, they can contact Debbie Williams or Kayleigh Baker.

## **VII. Faculty Athletic Representative Report**

Mr. Jeffery Ray updated the committee on the following:

- The GPA for student-athletes for the spring 2021 was 3.28
- This is the final year of the transition to Division I.
- The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is sponsoring a school supply drive and is due by Friday.

## **VIII. Compliance Report**

Mr. Todd Vardaman updated the committee on the following:

- In January 2022, a peer team will be on campus to review the Athletics Department. The peer review is a requirement of the transition to Division I. The peer team will speak with many individuals on campus, such as faculty, staff, student-athletes, Deans, and Department Chairs.
- Publicity of the transition to Division I is also a requirement.
- The NCAA is currently reviewing the NCAA rulebook. Some of the information from the rulebook will be shared at the NCAA Convention in January 2022.

## **IX. Athletic Directors Report**

Dr. Josh Looney updated the committee on the following:

- The ASUN has significantly expanded. ASUN now has 6 football playing members, Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State, Central Arkansas, Austin Peay, Kennesaw and UNA. ASUN football will begin in the fall of 2022.
- The Lions Athletic Club Dinner and Auction in the fall of 2021 was a success and \$50,000 was raised from the dinner and auction.
- Josh has had one on one meetings with the head coaches and administration staff to discuss goals and expectations.
- UNA Athletics will focus on the 3 C's, Class, Competition and Community.

**X. Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. Kayleigh Baker made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Lamont Maddox seconded the motion.