

Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 27, 2020

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Athletics Committee was called to order at 2:00 pm on Monday, April 27, 2020. The meeting was a Zoom meeting.

II. Roll Call

Present: Dr. Lamont Maddox, Mr. Evan Thornton, Ms. Shauna James, Dr. Lisa Clayton, Ms. Christa Raney, Ms. Corrie Dalrymple, Mr. Todd Vardaman, Dr. Michelle Nelson, Mr. Mark Linder, Ms. Debbie Williams, Mr. Linden White

Absent: Ms. Katelyn Olive, Dr. Kimberly Greenway, Mr. Hayden Bryant, Ms. Kathy Underwood, Dr. Pat Roden

III. Approval of minutes from the Athletics Committee meeting on February 10, 2020

Dr. Lisa Clayton asked the committee to review the minutes from the meeting on February 10, 2020. Ms. Christa Raney made the motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Lamont Maddox seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Minority Opportunity Committee Report

The Minority Opportunity Committee was unable to meet in March 2020. Ms. Christa Raney updated the committee via e-mail on March 31, 2020. The email sent is below.

“I want to highlight one part of this report of which I am very proud: I am pleased to announce that I have secured a monetary sponsor for the Elite Speaker Series. The UNA Alumni Association has agreed to provide a minimum of \$250 a year for an honorarium and/or travel costs to compensate and thank our alumni minority speaker. In addition, the Alumni Association will help target and recruit potential alumni, bringing them back to campus to share their expertise with our mentees. The Alumni Association is willing to increase the amount of its sponsorship if necessary. In return for this sponsorship, we have officially renamed the event: The UNA Alumni Association Elite Speaker Series. I am excited about the future of this event.”

The Elite Speaker Series event was cancelled for the Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Christa Raney updated the committee on the mentoring program. The women's basketball mentees and mentors continue to stay connected. The mentors are working diligently to stay connected with the football and men's basketball mentees.

V. Gender Equity Committee Report

The Gender Equity Committee met on March 4, 2020 to review the Gender Equity Committee Strategic Plan. The strategic plan for the Gender Equity Committee is being updated with new plans, goals and steps. Dr. Kimberly Greenway, Ms. Kayleigh Baker, Ms. Debbie Williams, Mr. Todd Vardaman, and Mr. Mark Linder and Ms. Peggy Wingo are working together on the strategic plan. Once the strategic plan is updated, the plan will be reviewed by the Gender Equity Committee.

VI. Faculty Athletic Representative Report

Dr. Pat Roden was unable to attend the Athletics Committee (due to Zoom complications). Dr. Roden plans to retire in May 2020. The committee recognized Dr. Roden for her hard work, dedication and commitment to athletics.

Athletic Director Report

Mr. Mark Linder updated the committee on the following information:

- Mr. Todd Vardaman discussed the Division I transition. The Division I transition team is led by Dr. Eric Kirkman. The transition team is working on the report for the NCAA. The report is due in June 2020. UNA is in year 2 of the transition. If the transition report is approved, UNA will begin year 3 of the transition. The transition team will be expanded in year 3 (July 2020).
- APR is continuously monitored for student-athletes.
- The Return to Learn concussion protocol was discussed. Mr. Josh Penny, head athletic trainer, will work with the team physician to make sure we have proper oversight and clearance prior to return to play. A protocol should be place for student-athletes who are concussed and return to the classroom.
- Student-Athletes whose season was cancelled in the spring of 2020 are referred to as "Super Seniors". Each individual institution who increase the scholarship of a Super Senior, will count against maximum award for scholarship dollars. There was a total of 35 student-athletes in UNA Athletics who were considered Super Seniors. 10 to 13 of those student-athletes are returning to play in the Spring of 2021.
- UNA Athletics has a cap of spending in Athletics.
- UNA Athletics is working on the FY20 and FY21 budgets.
- Four corporate sponsors have asked to suspend their agreement for FY20.
- UNA Athletics is governed by six organizations, NCAA, ASUN, Big South, Federal and State government and the UNA Board of Trustees.
- UNA Athletics Ticket office is working on a program for tickets for UNA Athletics in the fall of 2020.
- Dr. Lisa Clayton asked if the cancellations of the spring games would affect the transition? In July, a sport sponsorship report is submitted to the NCAA. The spring sports wouldn't meet the minimum number of games to play in the spring of 2020. The NCAA waived the minimum to qualify for the spring 2020.

VII. New Business

Mr. Linden White stated he had taken the Student Interest Survey and that the survey took an hour to complete.

Dr. Lamont Maddox, is currently the Vice-Chair for the Athletics Committee. He will serve as the chair for the Athletics Committee for Fall 2020-Spring 2021.

Dr. Pat Roden and Ms. Kathy Underwood were unable to attend the meeting due to Zoom complications.

VIII. Adjourn

The Athletics Committee will meet in the Fall of 2020.