

# **University of North Alabama**

## **Athletic Committee Minutes**

**September 5, 2025**

**Pierce Hospitality Suite at 2:00 PM**

**Members Present:** S. Lyons, D. Williams, M. Nelson, C. Wise (Proxy K. Hanbery), A. Byrd, M. Ellis, L. Maddox, A. Quiros, E. Thornton, C. Dalrymple, L. Holder, J. Lyde, A. Milwee, S. Infanger, C. Raney, J. Ray, J. Looney, S. Gaertner (Proxy W. Barnett)

**Members Absent:** K. White

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

#### **a. Discussion:**

The meeting was called to order and the agenda was confirmed as shared electronically in advance through the calendar invite. No revisions or additions were proposed during the meeting.

**b. Action:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by L. Maddox and seconded by S. Infanger. The agenda was approved unanimously.

### **2. Approval of Minutes (April 2025)**

**a. Discussion:** The minutes from the April 2025 meeting had been distributed via email and were approved virtually prior to the meeting. These minutes have been submitted for official record.

**b. Action:** No further action was proposed.

### **3. Minority Opportunity Sub-Committee Report**

**a. Discussion:** J. Lyde and C. Raney are still finalizing membership and matching up volunteer mentors and mentees before initiating activities for 25-26 academic year.

**b. Action:** Leaders J. Lyde and C. Raney will update the Athletic Committee with membership numbers and planned activities at the AC next meeting.

### **4. Gender Equity Sub-Committee Report**

**a. Discussion:** No report was received from the Gender Equity Sub-Committee. Committee members present had not received any updates.

**b. Action:** The chair will continue to follow up with S. Kennemer for an update before the next meeting.

### **5. Compliance Report**

**a. Discussion:** A. Milwee-Hovater led the discussion and updated the committee on the athletic departments use of Teamworks athlete management system to assist with communication regarding team travel and athletics-related class absences. Banner updates will still be posted for individual trips and include the complete travel list. Additional information regarding the house settlement impact on athletics at UNA was shared, including that teams were given the opportunity to “grandfather in” athletes to not disturb their academic or athletic trajectory, given the short turnaround between the decision date and

the implementation date. The Athletic Department continues to work through the roster limits, scholarshiping, and financial impacts.

- b. **Action:** No further action was proposed.

6. **Athletic Director Report**

- a. **Discussion:** A report was given by Athletic Director Josh Looney that included a stadium project update. The football portion of the project remains on schedule. The baseball portion of the project had a pause to ensure the structural soundness of the press tower. Alterations were made to that plan and the project should be completed by December. Additionally, the committee received a report on two emerging sports the athletic department is exploring – women's flag football and men's and women's indoor and outdoor track. The programs would bring UNA above the required minimum of offered sports and qualify the department for additional funding distribution from the NCAA. The Athletic Department believes the programs can be added with minimal additional support because of facilities, recruiting bases, and coaching support already in place. Target implementation date is 2026-2027 academic year.

- b. **Action:** No further action was proposed.

7. **Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Report**

- a. **Discussion:** The FAR gave report to the university Faculty Senate in May and hosted a new faculty orientation session to be proactive in communicating with new faculty members at the university regarding working with student athletes. Dr. Ray also communicated concern among FARs on losing representation on committees in the NCAA restructuring. He also shared that the ASUN Faculty Athletics Representatives group is looking to receive data regarding transfer portal outcomes – such as how many athletes do not re-enroll after entering the transfer portal and trends among sports or genders.

- b. **Action:** No further action was proposed.

8. **Old Business**

- a. **Discussion:** There was no old business.
- b. **Action:** N/A

9. **New Business**

- a. **Discussion:** Chair S. Lyons asked for volunteers for a vice chair for the committee. L. Maddox volunteered to serve in that position.
- b. **Action:** L. Maddox volunteered to serve in that position and was approved.

10. **Adjournment**

**Action:** The meeting was adjourned by S. Lyons.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dr. T. Scott Lyons  
Athletic Committee Chair  
September 26, 2025  
2025-2026