

MINUTES
ATHLETIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE
December 3, 2015 2 P.M.
BA 290

Per System Policy 18.01 Athletic Council - The principal function of the Athletic Council is to advise the president in the development and supervision of intercollegiate athletic programs.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (Alicia Currin)

- Review minutes from October 1st meeting and ask for approval.
 - **Blake Cooper motioned for an approval and Donna Tavener seconded that motion. All approved.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Sub-committee structure.
 - Dina Sosa to chair Student-Athlete Well Being committee
 - New members added to sub-committees: David Morgan (External), Sue Davis (External), and Shawn DeVeau (Student-Athlete Well Being)
 - Review sub-committee guidelines
 - **Alicia suggested moving Barbara Corvey from Compliance sub-committee to Business sub-committee in order to meet the minimum requirement of three people per sub-committee. Barbara Corvey agreed.**
 - **Sub-committees will need to meet before the February 4th meeting.**
 - **Tim McMurray reinforced the importance of the sub-committees and thanked everyone for their contributions to Athletics.**
 - **Tim McMurray has split Josh Jorgenson's old position into two external coordinator positions.**
- Reminder that Rebecca needs your shirt size for Athletic Council shirts.
 - **Alicia encouraged everyone to wear their pullovers to athletic events to show our support.**

STANDING REPORTS

- FAR Report (LaVelle Hendricks)
 - FAR Report
 - **Please read the FAR Report on your own since LaVelle was not here to go over it.**
 - Self-Study Plan
 - **Assign responsibilities for each section. It is due on June 1st but would like to complete by March 1st.**
 - **Sub-committees need to get the mission from Tim McMurray before they start the self-study.**
- Academics Sub Committee Report (Brent Donham)
 - **Brent Donham was not here. Judy Sackfield spoke on his behalf and mentioned hired an Academic Coordinator.**
- SAAC Update (Luci Ponce)
 - **SAAC prepared Thanksgiving gift baskets with food for families in need. 23 athletes volunteered with 51 total volunteer hours.**
 - **They volunteered at the "Clothe a Child" at Walmart. 27 athletes volunteered with 94 total volunteer hours.**
 - **SAAC is still administering the recycle bins around campus. There are currently 7 recycling bins. Each team is responsible for a bin. The SAAC is encouraging the campus to do a better job recycling.**
- Student Athlete Well-Being Sub Committee Report (Dina Sosa)
 - **Dina Sosa was not in attendance. Judy Sackfield stated that the Student-Athlete Mental Wellness presentation at the NACWA National Convention was well received, and from that speaking engagement was asked to do a National Webinar on Student-Athlete Mental Health to speak about creation of performance teams.**
 - **They have created a performance team to meet every week to help with students concerning their mental wellness. They are still in the process of developing their mission. The team will include Judy Sackfield, Kara Carpenter, and Nick Patras from the Counseling Center, among others.**
- Business Sub Committee Report (Janet Anderson)
 - NCAA Audit

- “Agree-upon-procedures” audit is taking place this fall. Auditors will be on campus week of November 30th and December 7th. Financial Report is due in January.
 - They will have the Final Report to show at the February 4th meeting.
 - Business Committee Report handout
 - On the Business Committee Report handout, there is an added section called “LSC Postseason” that shows the football and soccer ticket sales as well as the soccer merchandise sales.
 - Jamie Douglas also provided the attendance numbers at the bottom of the handout. The Adams State game had the highest turnout since it was on a Thursday night.
 - If you would like to see something else on the business report, please let them know.
- Fundraising (Tim McMurray, Ray Garvin)
 - Ray Garvin thanked everyone for attending and supporting the dinner in honor of Aubrey and Devin. The dinner is up for an award with the NCAA. They are working on more ways to improve it for next year.
 - They are also rebranding the Lion Athletic Club.
- External Sub Committee Report (Blake Cooper)
 - Champion Circle
 - The Champion Circle will be a group of advisors for Tim McMurray.
 - Blake Cooper showed his excitement for the reorganization of the Lion Athletic Club with the Fundraising sub-committee’s efforts.
- Compliance Sub Committee Report (Jody Todhunter)
 - Kara to provide overview of NCAA Legislation for January meeting
 - The Compliance Report handout will be voted on in January at Commission.
 - The student athletes contribute by voting on each piece of legislation. Then, it goes to the President with the students’ input. Tim McMurray acts as the President’s delegate at the National Convention where he votes on the legislation.
 - Kara gave an overview of a few of the sections of the handout.
 - Section 2-2 eliminates the interference of a student’s transfer status and use of a season of competition if they participate in sports during a foreign exchange program.
 - Section 2-3 allows athletes to use their minor towards their semester hour requirements.
 - Section 2-5 allows football to have two hours of skill instruction each week during off-season.
- Alicia Remarks
 - The university is working on revamping marketing by establishing a master calendar that includes all events happening on campus.
 - They are looking to post a new position geared toward helping with this goal.
 - Athletic Council is still in the process of incorporating a way for us to recognize the outstanding student athletes.
- Athletic Director Report (Tim McMurray)
 - Organizational Structure
 - Soccer
 - Soccer had a terrific year with back to back conference championships.
 - Football
 - Colby Carthel signed a 3-year contract with the collaboration of Dr. Jones and Athletics.
 - Volleyball
 - Senior night only included two seniors. It is great that we have a team full of freshman and sophomores.
 - Cross Country
 - Men and women both finished 3rd. That is the highest finish in LSC history since 1999.
 - Tailgating
 - Tim wants to create the atmosphere portrayed at the Adams State tailgate at every tailgate. Coaches passed out flowers and candy to student organizations and fraternities at RSC to encourage them to show up and support Athletics at every game.
 - Lion’s Share weekly newsletter
 - Athletic Council will be added to the distribution list. The newsletter includes information like a calendar, deadlines for registration, hourly requirements, times for the Academic Center and events on campus.
 - Communication

- Athletics holds a Senior Leadership meeting every Wednesday at 3. Athletic Council members will be called on to join in the future.
- Feasibility Study
 - LSC is looking to add Western New Mexico to the conference. Commerce used to be the heart of the conference, but it seems to be moving west. Tim is not looking to leave the conference.
 - Tim is also not considering adding any more sports until the current ones are operating efficiently.
- Lion's Athletic Club
 - Because the Lion's Athletic Club has no budget, they are looking to fund it in other ways.
 - Other schools have raised well over the amount that our university has. Tim McMurray is optimistic that we can do better.
 - Angelo State raised \$153,000
 - West Texas A&M raised \$211,000
 - TAMUC raised \$19,000
- Lonestar Conference
 - The SWAs and ADs will meet in Allen on December 14th.
- First 60 days
 - Tim asked SAAC and head coaches to fill out an open-ended response questionnaire to give him feedback on how each sports team was currently functioning. From that he was able to uncover three important issues to be taken care of soon.
 - Transportation: He would like to fix the current problem of having tired coaches driving long hours at night.
 - Russell brand may not be the contracted company to do business with in the future due to service issues. On December 8th they will go over negotiations to enter into a contract with another apparel company.
 - There are currently 3 full time positions and 2 graduate assistants for sports medicine and only 1 position for strength and conditioning. Tim is looking to invest in another position for strength and conditioning.
- Other comments
 - Donna Tavener asked for there to be a list of Athletic Council members at each game so they do not have to call ahead of time for tickets.
- Facilities Assessment
 - Tim provided updates on the following Athletic Facilities projects:
 - Softball work list, restrooms, locker rooms, flag poles
 - Soccer locker rooms
 - Sports medicine facility improvements
 - Strength and conditioning – equipment/branding
 - WBB – Volleyball locker room renovations
 - Golf capital investments – transition
 - Track capital improvements
 - Academic Center branding/décor
 - MBB locker room
 - Football team meeting rooms – branding/recruiting
 - Aesthetics to Field House and Gym exterior
- Future meeting dates
 - February 4, 2016
 - April 7, 2016
 - June 17, 2016 – Retreat