

MINUTES OF ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 22, 2020/via videoconference

Members Present

Jeff Roberts, Interim Chairman

Kinsey Trent	Justin Freeman	Kristyn Ogletree	Steven Frye
Debra Bryant	Julie Baker	Matt Smith	
Dale Wilson	Christy Killman		

Mark Wilson, Executive Officer

Members Absent

Blake Horton	John Smith	Michelle Huddleston	Christy Killman
Maggie Vaughn	Steve Smith		

Support Staff Present

Amanda Thatcher Tammie McMillan

Interim chairman Jeff Roberts called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Introductions were made and the meeting agenda and the minutes of the March 26, 2020 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business – none.

New Business:

Missed Class Time Report

- Mark Wilson presented the missed class time report for Spring 2020, with reference to Spring 2019. Due to the cancellation of athletic competition in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were very few classes missed outside of men’s and women’s basketball. There was a motion to approve the report, along with a second. The missed class time report was approved unanimously.

NCAA Graduation Success Rate

- The NCAA GSR report was presented to the committee by Mark Wilson, who noted that this information was published and released to the public. Mr. Wilson explained how funding from the NCAA would soon be based on this and other academic reports. The report was accepted by the committee.

Concussion Policy

- Dr. Roberts informed the committee that this policy was approved out-of-cycle, due to the NCAA Sports Science Institute distributing the required changes in May. The policy was accepted by the committee.

Policies 902, 903, 905, 909, 965 and 970

- Dr. Roberts notified the committee that there were no substantive changes to these policies, only title changes and task redistribution because of the retirement of Frank Harrell. He noted that he had already approved these changes, and the committee accepted the changes.

Budget Update

- Mark Wilson updated the committee on the budget challenges the Department of Athletics is facing, due to the much smaller revenue distribution from the NCAA. Seven positions were eliminated over the summer, and Frank Harrell’s retirement assisted in balancing the budget along with a one-time infusion of funds from Dr. Stinson and Dr. Oldham. There will be minimal marketing and no facility enhancements this coming year, unless the money is raised within a sport program. There will be reduced revenue from ticket sales, as the Eblen Center will still be hosting basketball games but seating will be limited.

Capital Projects

- Mark Wilson updated the committee on projects that happened over the summer, specifically to the grass fields. There were questions and discussion about Tucker Stadium renovations, but no funding has been discovered for it.

Other Such Matters

- Mark Wilson updated the committee regarding COVID-19 and the resocialization of athletics.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.