

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COMMITTEE (UNAC)

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

8:45 am – 10:00 am

Trophy Room

MINUTES

Members present: Jennifer Harriger [chair], Steven Potts, Don Shores, Lynne Jacobsen, Karina Herold, Amanda Kurtz, Krista Lopata, Jeffrey Williams, Paul Gift, Christopher Doran, Maureen Weston, Michael Wexler, Alicia Jessop, Sunnie DeLano, and Sandra Harrison.

Members absent: Raymond Carr, Lee Kats, Loan Kim, and Skylar Caputo.

1. Jennifer Harriger welcomed everyone and confirmed approval of the meeting minutes from October 3 and 21. She introduced the first agenda item regarding the well-being of student athletes.
2. Krista Lopata and Karina Herold reported that while the events of November (Borderline shooting and Malibu wildfires) were traumatic and athletes were displaced, they seem to be doing well. They gave specific information on how these situations were handled such as how events and practices were re-scheduled.
3. Steve Potts reviewed Title IX compliance requirements which entail three aspects: participation requirements that involve meeting one of three tests; financial aid in which scholarship dollars must be proportional to participation; and eleven provisions that require equitable treatment in areas such as facilities, coaching, and academic tutoring. He reported that the leading expert on Title IX, Janet Judge, visited our campus in December. She is preparing recommendations that will be shared with the committee.
4. Steve Potts indicated he is preparing a proposal to resurface the track.
5. Jennifer Harriger led a discussion on whether to conduct a spring 2019 assessment of student athletes. If so, what would that look like? It was decided to form a smaller committee to look at a subset of questions on issues of concern, and then decide on the best approach (administer a small survey or conduct focus groups).
6. Chris Doran indicated he and Lee Kats will be having a conversation with Sodexo regarding the provision of healthy food for athletes as the Sodexo contract is up for renewal and outside vendor contracts are being solicited. Sunnie DeLano will provide nutritional findings from other universities to use in those discussions.
7. Jennifer Harriger announced a Celebrity Softball game is being held as a fundraiser at Pepperdine for California Strong this weekend. She will be calling for volunteers to review and select survey questions. The next UNAC meeting will be held February 6th and will include members of the NCAA who will explore and listen (**photo op planned**).