

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COMMITTEE (UNAC)

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Trophy Room

MINUTES

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

1. Jennifer Harriger welcomed everyone and confirmed approval of the meeting minutes from February 6. She announced the first agenda item: a presentation on exceptions and international student-athletes by Steve Potts.
2. Steve outlined the process for admitting athletes who are considered exception admits. He provided statistics over a period of ten years on the number of athletes admitted, the sports with exception admits, as well as the number who graduated, transferred, went professional, were academically dismissed, and withdrew from the university. The results showed the success of this program. He also provided data regarding international student athletes and the results show it has also been a very successful program.
3. Jennifer gave an update on the spring student-athlete survey. She incorporated additional questions in three areas suggested by Karina Herold; namely, team climate, physical and mental wellness, and support in general. The survey now consists of 23 questions which should take around 10 minutes to complete. The survey questions, which have been used before, were submitted to the Office for Institutional Effectiveness (OIE) and they recommended administering the survey this month. Steve Potts said he would set up a time with each team. Results will be shared in the fall.
4. Chris Doran gave an update on the Sodexo contract negotiation. Sodexo has hired new management recently and the company would like to retain their contract. However, the university is soliciting bids from vendors this spring. The committee discussed issues such as providing vending machines with better choices, providing more choices for vegan, gluten-free, and peanut-free meals, and providing more creative food choices such as food trucks or pop-up restaurants.
5. Maureen Weston announced an E Sports Summit exploring the E Sports phenomenon in the entertainment and sports industries along with legal implications to be held at the School of Law March 28, 2019 from 5-7 pm.

6. Jennifer reminded everyone that the next UNAC meeting will take place the first Wednesday in April if there are agenda items, and she adjourned the meeting.