

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COMMITTEE (UNAC)

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

8:30 am – 10:00 am

Trophy Room

MINUTES

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

1. Jennifer Harriger welcomed everyone and introduced the first presenter, Amanda Kurtz. Amanda discussed Pepperdine Level III NCAA violations which were detailed in an attachment to the agenda. She reported the number of violations, the areas violated such as amateurism, recruiting, awards & benefits, and playing/practice seasons, and the institutional responses to these violations.
2. Loan Kim and Paul Gift reviewed the student athlete survey results which revealed strengths as well as areas for growth. Students indicated positive athletic experiences, faculty accessibility, the study abroad program, and coach interactions as strengths. Areas needing improvement included resources for athletics, equity among teams, and participation in co-curricular programs.
3. Lisa Bortman from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness presented focus group findings (an overview was attached to the agenda). Twenty-seven student athletes participated. Students expressed—a need for more balance, more counseling, and improved nutrition; a need for equal treatment; that facilities are a limitation; that winning is a serious concern; and a lack of awareness of the UNAC. It was suggested that a large survey be conducted every 4-5 years, and a smaller survey be conducted every 2 years.
4. Steve Potts discussed recent disciplinary actions with student athletes.
5. Jennifer closed the meeting thanking attendees, and announced the next UNAC committee meeting would be Oct. 31st.