

MINUTES OF ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday March 21, 2024, 11 a.m. /via videoconference

Members Present

Steve Smith, Chairman

Jeff Roberts

Steven Frye

Julie Baker

Diana Popa (proxy Ty Madsen)

Mark Wilson, Executive Officer

Christy Killman

George Chitiyo

Kristine Craven

Mary McCaskey

Matt Smith

Debra Bryant (proxy Henry Duvier)

Members Absent

Robert Owens

Mary Clemons

John Smith

Michelle Niec

Madison Jones

Support Staff Present

Amanda Thatcher

Chairman Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. The meeting agenda and the minutes of the October 31, 2023, meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business – none.

New Business:

Missed Class Time Report

- Amanda Thatcher presented the missed class time report for Fall 2023, with reference to Fall 2022. There was a motion to approve the report, along with a second. The missed class time report was approved unanimously.

NCAA Academic Progress Rate

- The NCAA APR report was presented to the committee by Amanda Thatcher, who noted that this information was not yet released to the public. The report was accepted by the committee.

Gender Equity Report

- Amanda Thatcher submitted the Gender Equity report for the academic year, and noted that Athletics was over one percent of the student body percentage from the previous year. The Gender Equity report was approved unanimously.

Diversity Issues Report

- Amanda Thatcher submitted the report for review and approval, noting the changes in both male and female minority percentages.

Budget Update

- Mark Wilson updated the committee on the budget situation for Athletics, noting that Athletics would be remaining within its prescribed budget for the 2023-24 academic year, however inflationary expenses were challenging for each program and they would be using a significant amount of fundraised money to supplement the budget.

Capital Projects

- Mark Wilson updated on several projects, starting with turf projects in baseball and softball. The actual turf is complete, but there are still many things to do around like facilities such as concrete and landscaping. He moved on to an update about the west side of Tucker Stadium, stating that the bid for demolition would be going out next week and they anticipating beginning about April 15, but may push that back until after the academic year due to traffic issues. He anticipated the stadium being open for the 2026 season. Mr. Wilson stated that fundraising for the Football

Operations Center and baseball's "Hack Shack" are still underway, the short game facility for men's and women's golf was complete but now in the growing phase, and the roof for the tennis center would be replaced. Dr. Baker asked what the plan was for the track, and Mr. Wilson deferred the decision to the President.

Other Issues

- No other issues were brought to the committee.

Adjournment

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