

Committee on Athletics – Minutes
2020-2021 Meeting #3 – Zoom
Wednesday, February 17, 2021 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Present: Joseph Aubele, Jeff Kress, Arline Walter, Tiffanye Vargas, Sandra Shirley, Ulices Pina, Melanie Batiste, Brenda Vogel, Portia Resnick, Lu Zhu, Michael Solt, Tracey Richardson, Kimberly Farrell, Andy Fee, John Hamilton, Brian Coriaty, Carlos Barrera

- I. Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm
- II. Minutes from November 18, 2020 – Amended and Approved
- III. Received Presentations from:

A. Athletic Director Update: Andy Fee

Spring Sports - Last week spring sports (Baseball, Softball, Men's Volleyball) joined men's and women's basketball teams in holding on campus practice. Similar to basketball, spring sports will participate in conference competition only. Tournaments will begin in mid-March. The NCAA announced that they will not grant an additional year of eligibility for Spring 2021 sports unlike Spring and Fall 2020 sports .

Overall - This situation has given student athletes a new found appreciation for being able to compete. The department continues to focus on three pillars in cultivating leaders and champions: 1) Provide the best experience on the field or in the classroom 2) Building sustainable and winning programs 3) Do things the right way (showing dignity and respect). Generally, student athletes are challenged by the virtual learning environment but continue to succeed in their academics.

B. COVID Testing: Bryant King

The athletic department is maintaining **rigorous** protocols around covid 19 testing strongly encouraging students to be thoughtful and intentional about their behavior. Approximately 232 athletes are being tested 3 times per week. To date there have been only three positive cases in testing of staff, coaches and athletes. Plans are underway to begin in house testing to allow greater flexibility in scheduling. Scheduling for testing has been completed through May of 2021. Timing of Covid 19 vaccines for the athletes is still unknown and currently an

EUA is not required. The staff has recognized the need to be mindful in scheduling given side effects noted.

C. Role of the FAR: Brenda Vogel

The role of FAR is mandated by the NCAA and directly reports to the University President. The focus is on athlete welfare, rules compliance, and academic integrity. The FAR plays a critical role in acting as a liaison between athletes and academics.

IV. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00

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