UAAAC Minutes--December 10, 2012

Present: Anthony Walker, Anthony Malta, Carl Thameling, Barbara Michaelides, Bob Cage, Tasha Fisher, Bobby Staub, Ulas Ograk, Mary Adams

Ograk opened the meeting. Thameling moved that the November minutes be approved. Cage seconded.

We then turned to the mission statement. After a brief discussion, Cage moved that we adopt the statement, and Malta seconded.

Athletic Director Report:

Staub gave an overview of the upcoming bowl game and process. He stressed, "The key is putting fans in seats." He noted that the team would be dismissed for a period before the game; each would go home with a personal conditioning regime. At this point, 5,000 tickets have been sold with a target of 15,000. Student tickets, discounted at $20, have sold well.

The football team has garnered major Sunbelt honors as Berry has been named Coach of the Year. Browning has been named Offensive Player of the Year.

Compliance Report:

Fisher noted that she is now collecting course absence policies from coaches. We are awaiting word from NCAA regarding the waiver we submitted for the men's basketball penalty. If we score a 930 this year, this team could be penalty-free by academic year 2014-15.

Michaelides added that we are monitoring grades right now and are cautiously optimistic.

Other Business:

Walker asked about the financial intricacies of the bowl process. Staub detailed the multi-faceted process, explaining that the Sunbelt Conference receives our bowl pay-out and then, in turn, purchases our required tickets and pays team travel expenses. If tickets sell well, the league shares in ticket revenues.
Malta asked for an update on conference realignment, at which time Staub discussed the Sunbelt's incoming and outgoing teams.

The cmte discussed possible meeting times for Spring 2013. Adams noted that she will teach a late class on MW afternoons (4-5:15), so the current meeting time will not work for her.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adams

January 15, 2013