



UAAAC Minutes

Date 02/01/2022 Start Time 4:00 PM Adjournment Time 4:40 PM Location Zoom Virtual Meeting
 Type of Meeting Regular Special

CHAIR	Leigh Hersey
SECRETARY	Arturo Rodriguez
ATTENDEES	Mary Adams, Anthony Malta, Leigh Hersey, Erika Cheung, Arturo Rodriguez, Carmen Wright
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Scott McDonald, Barbara Michaelides, Wendy Bailes

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	
November minutes were approved.	
DISCUSSION TOPICS	
<p>Athletics and Compliance: (Erika Cheung, Scott McDonald) -- Athletics has been busy with administrative duties. There have been 15 mid-year signinings for Football, Baseball, Beach Volleyball, Men's Golf and Tennis. Some of these student-athletes need some academic work to be eligible. Season started well for Tennis, currently at 1 win and 1 loss. The new tennis coach has been well received. Working on hiring a new Beach Volleyball coach / Volleyball assistant coach. Been working with athletes on community service involvement as well as on providing career advice. A career fair for athletes is something that the SAC and the Athletic Department are developing that could help athletes with post-college career or internship options. The Hawk Cup is an inter-squad competition between all teams where they earn points for attending each other games, doing well in the classroom, community involvement, etc. The Hawk Cup will give student-athletes an opportunity to interact with each other and engage in healthy competition. Athletes will keep track of their progress towards winning via leaderboards that will give them "bragging rights." More social media interaction will be encouraged from each of the teams when attending athletic events.</p> <p>FAR/Academic Integrity and Compliance Subcommittee: (Mary Adams) -- The faculty awards may need to follow a different process than what has been traditionally followed. The SAC will have involvement in the new process to get specific guidelines to foster engagement from athletes to obtain a broader pool of nominations. A good option would be to ask for the coaches' help to encourage participation in this endeavor. Making student athletes aware that these awards go beyond ULM and that award winners compete against other Sunbelt Conference school award winners. ULM has a track record of winning some of these awards and it would be great to continue that trend. Attending practices would be a good idea for the committee. To accomplish this, the committee could get a schedule of practices and home games so that the committee members could attend. Erika Cheung will provide a schedule to the committee.</p> <p>Equity and Student-Athlete Well-being: (L. Hersey) -- Continuing to plan for mental health conference in May. Ensure that graduate school is included with career fairs for athletes.</p> <p>Governance: (TBD) no report</p> <p>Academics: (B. Michaelides) Barbara and Carmen -- headcoaches meeting occurred on January 31. The coaches received materials regarding degree sheets and the process that coaches should follow. Coaches seemed receptive of the process. Carmen had to attend basketball practice to deal with certain issues. Working with Dr. Karen Foster in helping student-athletes deal with mental health issues. Part of this endeavor would entail reducing the stigma associated with it. Will try to explore the possibility of having meetings with the counseling center as part of the onboarding process for new and transder ULM student-athletes. Part of these conversations with the Counseling Center will entail whether they have the capacity to serve all athletes. Carmen is researching academic awards that are presented at other schools that we can emulate and incorporate at ULM at the end of the year. Timing the nominations with registrations dates will be pivotal.</p>	

New Business: Next meeting scheduled on March 15

CONCLUSIONS		

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Approved by committee/council chair Yes on