



UAAAC Minutes

Date 10/10/2024 Start Time 9:30 AM Adjournment Time 10:00 AM Location SSC Conf. Rm
 Type of Meeting Regular Special

CHAIR	Arturo Rodriguez
SECRETARY	Shannon Banks
ATTENDEES	Leigh Hersey, John Hartwell, DeRon Talley, Carmen Wright, Shelley Barton, Valerie Fields, Ty Harp, Tyler Fricker
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Anthony Malta, Cody Sparrow, Patti Pate

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	
The meeting minutes from the September 2024 meeting were distributed and approved without change.	
DISCUSSION TOPICS	
<p>The meeting was called to order by Arturo Rodriguez.</p> <p>FAR Update: (Leigh Hersey):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SunBelt meeting in 10 days with one of the main agenda items to be discussed being "absences." Leigh will attend the meeting and bring comments back to our November UAAAC meeting for us to start on developing a better faculty policy addressing student athlete absences. - If we hear of coaches going directly to faculty in our departments about student athletes, contact Leigh, Carmen or John. <p>Equity and Student Well-Being (Leigh Hersey):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to check on families of student athletes in Florida who were affected by the hurricane. Are they okay? Do they need anything? Do students have a place to go for Fall Break if they're home was affected? - October 30th - Signs of Suicide prevention program for faculty and staff, including coaches and their assistants. Leigh will send out an email with more information. <p>Athletics/Compliance (John Hartwell):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John reiterated that coaches have been told that it isn't appropriate to talk to faculty directly about academics. It should go through athletic advisors. - Discussion was held about post-season possibilities in football. Supplemental preparations need to be discussed should this interfere with fall graduation and student athletes, band members, managers, hawkline, etc not being able to participate in graduation ceremonies. - Significant student athlete involvement is expected for the parade and pep rally. All football players will walk in the parade. Coach Vincent and two players will speak at the pep rally. - John informed the committee that Texas State turned down the offer from the Mountain West and could possibly be offered to join the PAC. Should this happen, the conference would have 13 members and an in-person meeting will be held with the Presidents, Athletic Directors and FARs in two weeks to discuss who would be invited to take Texas State's place. Ultimately, the Presidents vote to decide on who would be invited. La Tech, Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky and maybe, but not likely, Liberty are possible candidates. To get an invitation, 10/13 (75%) must agree on who will be invited. - John has talked with SGA senate about a student fee proposal to help with facility upgrades so that we can remain competitive in recruiting. - John has been meeting with existing donors and potential new donors including the Roberson family and others. - Fourteen ULM athletes across all sports participated in the State Attorney General's office anti-vaping campaign in which they visited elementary schools to discuss the dangers of vaping. The Attorney General office sent a letter praising the athletes and the message that they delivered to the students. 	

- November 10th (Sunday) - ULM will host "Field of Faith" FCA event inviting local high school students and ULM student athletes. Jase and Willie Roberson will be involved.

Academics (Carmen)

- An offer has been made to fill Tyler's position as an athletic counselor. Waiting for response to the offer made.
- Advising is currently ongoing.
- With the drop date (Oct 29th) coming up, conversations about individual courses are being held to determine if it's in the athlete's best interest to withdraw from a course or remain in the course.
- Looking at post-season eligibility to ensure players are passing at least 6 hours (undergrad and grad) so that they will be eligible for any post-season events. Do they need to take a 2nd 8-week course?
- Athletics provided lunch for Student Accounts and Financial Aid staff to show appreciation.
- Working through certifications for baseball and other sports to ensure athletes are eligible to play in the spring.
- Cody is working on APR reports with athletic counselors sending over information to go into the report.

- Next meeting: November 14th, 3:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Approved by committee/council chair Yes on