



## UAAAC Minutes

Date 09/05/2023 Start Time 4:00 PM Adjournment Time 4:38 PM Location SSC Conf. Rm  
 Type of Meeting  Regular  Special

<b>CHAIR</b>	Arturo Rodriguez
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Shannon Banks
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Leigh Hersey, Patti Pate, Arturo Rodriguez, John Hartwell, Ty Harp, Valerie Fields, Shelly Barton, Oliver Jackson, Shannon Banks
<b>ABSENT (EXCUSED)</b>	Anthony Malta, Angel Darden, DeRon Talley, Carmen Wright

### Agenda

<b>GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
April minutes were approved.	
<b>DISCUSSION TOPICS</b>	
<p>FAR/Academic Integrity and Compliance Subcommittee: (Hersey) -- Leigh met with President Berry over the summer who emphasized two main priorities: APR Tracking and Monitoring and Mental Health Awareness. For APR tracking and monitoring, Leigh and Arturo met with Brett Bennett, a former FAR and chair of the AIC committee. Brett shared some ideas and formulas that he used, however, these were before the implementation of the transfer portal which brings its own share of issues that will need to be addressed. Additional discussions will continue. The committee will continue to make sure that we are advancing and working to support athletics, advisors and counselors to collectively help our student athletes.</p> <p>For Mental Health awareness, the Children's Coalition is bringing in Ouachita Parish counselors for suicide prevention training on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00 in the Library Terrace. A list of attendee recommendations can be sent to Leigh this week.</p> <p>Leigh also spoke on an issue that has come up with International student athletes and internship hours. Many internship hours have transferred to online courses. This is impacting all International students, including athletes, in that they are required to have a certain number of in-person lecture hours to maintain their student visas. Leigh and Gina White are working to meet with Dr. Arrant to discuss this. Oliver suggested adding additional sections to Banner for international students only that are face to face rather than online format to help address this issue.</p> <p>Athletics and Compliance: (Hartwell, Jackson) - Director Hartwell announced that David Reed has been hired as the new Assoc AD for Compliance and Student Athlete Welfare and that he comes with a tremendous amount of experience from Power 5 schools. He has already begun looking through our compliance review and addressing issues there. Director Hartwell re-emphasized the importance of Mental Health and Drug Awareness especially among student athletes. All sports are doing well with Women's soccer having only lost one game in 7 matches as of Sept 10th. Volleyball continues to improve with wins at New Orleans and Southern this past weekend. Women's golf won their tournament at South Alabama and Men's Football is undefeated at 2-0 heading into the game with TAMU this weekend. Oliver Jackson reported that Warhawk Welcome Back was a success. All student athletes are enrolled in courses for the Fall. Warhawk Way is starting back by providing resources such as financial literacy, the majors fair and others to help student athletes off the field.</p> <p>Equity and Student-Athlete Well-being: (L. Hersey) - See FAR</p> <p>Academics: (Carmen Wright, Anthony Malta, Patti Pate). Patti shared that they are currently training on Degree Works which will be implemented for advising in the Spring 2024 semester as a replacement for Flightpath. Registration for Special Groups is on November 9<sup>th</sup> with advising anticipated to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October. Sara Webb sent out an email on Sep 6<sup>th</sup> for the Talon Early Alert program.</p>	

New Business: Discussions are ongoing for the National Women and Girls in Sports Day to be held on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday and Saturday). The event will be cohosted by Women Take Flight and be presented in two parts. On Friday, plans are being made for a panel in which current and former athletes who have been successful in leadership positions will speak to student athletes, faculty and staff. On Saturday, plans are being made to host a kid's clinic prior to the Women's basketball game against Lafayette.

The next meeting will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm in the SSC conference room.

CONCLUSIONS			
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Approved by committee/council chair  Yes on