Committee Officers Elected

Chair: Peter Francia
Vice Chair: Andrew Pickett
Secretary: Alex Durland

Scheduled Standard Meeting Days
(no standard meeting day - below dates are committee suggestions)

September 26, 2023
October 24, 2023
November 21, 2023
January 23, 2024
February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 16, 2024

Business for 2023-2024
- Follow-up on changes proposed by the NCAA Transformational Committee
- Reschedule head men’s basketball coach Michael Schwartz’s meeting.
- Review the charge for the committee and determine if changes need to be made

University standing academic committee meetings are governed by the Faculty Constitution and By-Laws, committee charges, and Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Committee members are reminded that “All committees and subcommittees, unless prohibited explicitly by the committee’s charge, University policies, or state statutes, shall hold their regular and special meetings in open session ....” (ECU Faculty Manual, Part II, Section II)
University Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes
September 26 3:30pm in Pat Draughon Conference Room

Attendees: Anne Ticknor, Jon Gilbert, Timm Hackett, Mark Sanders, Mike Harris, Peter Francia, Cal Christian, Louis Warren, Stacy Warner, Stephanie White, Alex Keddie, Karen Vail-Smith, Jonathan Coleman, Andrew Pickett, Erika Johnson, Alex Durland

The meeting was called to order by Chair of the Faculty, Anne Ticknor, along with introductions of all members in attendance.

The ECU Faculty senate webpage and resources, along with the charge of the committee was shared and reviewed with the members. Anne Ticknor provided navigation of all items found on the UAC homepage.

Executive committee selections:
Peter Francia was nominated and elected as Chair.
Andrew Pickett was nominated and elected as Vice-Chair.
Alex Durland was nominated and elected as Secretary.

Anne Ticknor discussed business of the committee for the start of 23-24 AY.
Chair of the Faculty turned meeting over to newly elected Chair, Peter Francia.

New business:
1. Jon Gilbert, Athletics Director update:
   Conference re-alignment is ongoing throughout collegiate athletics. ECU and the AAC are in good shape with respective members and has largest revenue distribution amongst group of 5

   Football season tickets were close to goal and revenue has exceeded from last year. Men’s Basketball season tickets are doing well and has 300 new accounts.

   New video boards have been placed in multiple outdoor facilities.

   2024 Sports Gambling will be allowed in North Carolina. Educating Athletics department and student athletes with awareness and rules that will be implemented. ECU Athletics has partnered with companies to track sports gambling.

   Questions/Comments for AD Gilbert:
   What is penalty for betting on ECU amongst student athletes?
   Removal from participation for 1 year, athletes cannot bet on anything that has NCAA Championship.

   Can UAC help with education?
   Make others aware, share messaging and be informed as we all represent the University.

   Update on Capital campaigns?
   Indoor facility for all sports estimated 20-25 million to build, currently raised 15 million.
   Baseball facility is estimated 7 million and has raised 4 million to date.

   Will ECU re-visit ESPN contract?
   Will remain in place through 2026-2027, can only increase in dollar amounts during contractual years.
2. Cal Christian (Faculty Athletics Representative) update:
   NCAA has changed Governance structure with individual sports team oversight but is on hold, for now.

   AAC has changed Governance but allowed FAR to have elevated position. Cal is current chair of all
   FAR’S for the AAC

   Jon Gilbert is Chair of the Athletic Director’s and Chancellor Rogers is Chair of the AAC Board of
   Directors, allowing ECU to be well represented across the AAC in leadership positions.

   The FAR and ECU NCAA compliance staff work on various concerns, violations, and self-reports to
   discuss penalties, along with what is public facing.

3. Stephanie White (Student Athlete Development) update:
   Highest GPA for Spring 2023 at 3.26. Much to be celebrated with this accomplishment for our student
   athletes.

   SAD Office has restructured learning services and tutoring programs. Have posted paid/hourly rate job
   opportunities on PeopleAdmin. Open for application in various tutoring or learning services positions.
   SGA rep Jonathan Coleman will share these opportunities with SGA.

4. Open Comments and Group discussion:
   Discussion amongst UAC about transfer rules, course equivalencies and course grades concerning
   credits that have C or C-. Is this change a good idea for Transfer student athletes?
   This should be an item for Admissions and Retention committee. Chair of UAC will reach out
   for questions and to discuss amongst committee chair meetings.

   This change, if considered and approved, will align with ECU’s strategic plan to help with gaining
   transfer student athletes.

   Is Financial Aid an issue or concern amongst ECU Athletics? (A. Ticknor)
   Comply with fair admission, eligibility along with NCAA standards with institutional aid.

   What is currently being done for Student Athlete Mental Health and Well-being? (P. Francia)
   Lack of sleep seems to be overwhelming with observations and questions asked from faculty. A
   Mental Health professional has been hired in ECU Athletics. Start date is very soon.

   SABRE Program. (M. Harris)
   Student Athlete Brand Resource Education launched in August for its 3rd year of existence.
   Shared with group the great success of this program to educate student-athletes maximize their
   brand, along with NIL education.

   P. Francia- Reminded the members of the charge of the committee. In meetings with other chairs
   across Faculty Senate committees, stress inter-committee work throughout campus.

Adjourned at 4:40pm. Next meeting, 10/24 at 3:30pm, Pat Draughon Study Center Conference room.