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Submitted to: Dr. Kristy Oden
Chair, Shared Governance Executive Committee

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

I. Executive Summary

The members of the Athletics Committee for the 2022-24 academic year were as follows:

- Dr. Justin Joseph (*Faculty*,

Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 22, 2022

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Athletics Committee was called to order at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. The meeting was held in the Pierce Hospitality Suite.

II. Roll Call

Present: Ms. Shauna James, Dr. Marie Taylor, Ms. Mackenzie Martin, Dr. Jeff Ray, Mr. EJ Powell, Mr. Mark Lowery, Dr. K.C. White, Ms. Melanie Looser, Ms. Corrie Dalrymple, Ms. Janae Lyde, Dr. Justin Joseph, Mr. Todd Vardaman, Ms. Debbie Williams, Dr. Lisa Clayton, Mr. Evan Thornton, Dr. Josh Looney, Ms. Sherry Kennemer, Mr. Doug McClain

Absent: Mr. Mitch Powell

III. Approval of minutes from the Athletics Committee meeting on March 9, 2022 and the Athletics Committee Charge

Ms. Janae Lyde asked the committee to review the minutes from the meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, Dr. Lisa Clayton made the motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Justin Joseph seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

The Athletics Committee introduced themselves and reviewed the Charge of the Athletics Committee.

IV. Election of Vice Chair for the Athletics Committee

Ms. Janae Lyde asked the members of the Athletics Committee to nominate or self nominate themselves if they would like to serve as the Athletics Committee Vice Chair for 2022-2023. Dr. Jeff Ray stated he would like to serve as the Vice Chair for the 2022-2023 term. The Athletics Committee unanimously voted for Dr. Jeffrey Ray to serve as the Vice-Chair for the 2022-2023 term.

V. Minority Opportunity Workgroup Report

Ms. Janae Lyde, chair of the Minority Opportunity Workgroup, stated that the Minority Opportunity Workgroup had not met for the 2022 Fall academic year but plan to meet in October of 2022. The topics that will be discussed is the selection of mentees for the mentoring program.

VI. Gender Equity Committee Report

Ms. Sherry Kennemer, Chair of the Gender Equity Workgroup stated that the workgroup would meet after the new members of the Athletics Committee were assigned their workgroup.

VII. Faculty Athletic Representative Report

Mr. Jeffery Ray updated the committee on the following:

- The overall GPA for student-athletes for the spring 2022 was 3.23 with 59 student-athlete with a 4.0. The sport with the highest GPA Beach Volleyball's GPA with a 3.82.

- The winners for life for 2022 was Harley Stokes, softball and Hina Suzuki, women's basketball.
- The FARA meeting in November 2022 and Dr. Ray plans to attend.

VIII. Compliance Report

Mr. Todd Vardaman updated the committee on the following:

- UNA Athletics received full approval for Division I from the NCAA Board of Approvers.
- The new Transfer portal legislation

IX. Athletic Directors Report

Dr. Josh Looney updated the committee on the following:

- UNA Athletics has full membership now as Division I school
- There have been some personnel changes for head coaches:
 - Men's Golf – Luke Calcaterra
 - Baseball – Jad Prachniak
 - Men's and Women's Tennis – Olaya Garrido-Rivas
 - The Athletics Department is in the process of searching for a new head Beach Volleyball coach
- Athletics has made or in the process of updating facilities:
 - The softball hitting facility should be completed February 2023
 - The Football Locker room project is completed
 - The Training room should be completed by October 2022
 - Currently branding the hallways
 - Cross Country has updated their meeting space and offices
 - Women's Soccer has some game day enhancements
 - Volleyball is in phase two in updating their locker room
 - Women's Basketball will update their locker room in the Spring 2023
 - The Tennis facilities will be updated with enhancements
 - Beach Volleyball has a new scoreboard and the fencing around the courts will be wrapped
- Athletics received a one million gift for women's sports
- UNA Football will play at the Toyota Field in Madison, AL on October 15, 2022
- The spring football game in spring 2022 was held on the UNA Turf with over 2,000 attending with plans to continue to have the spring football on the UNA Turf field
- UNA Athletics had a record fundraising number for the FY22 Fiscal year
- Conference realignment (ASUN & WAC – Football)
- The ASUN Commissioner Ted Gumbart has stepped down. A new commissioner will be announced soon.

X. New Business

The NCAA Division I Peer-Review team recommended action items for UNA Athletics.

1. The peer-review team recommends the institution engage in continued dialog between athletics staff and academic administration to look for ways to reduce/eliminate class time conflicts as it related to lab course class scheduling and practice times.
2. The peer-review team recommends the institution have institutional research create a report that analyzes clustering in courses and majors to be reviewed by the athletics committee on a regular basis.

The Athletics Committee will work on the two action items. Dr. Jeff Ray will work on item # 1 and Sherry Kennemer will ask Molly Mathis, Director of Institutional Research, for the report with course and majors.

Ms. Janae Lyde asked for volunteers to take the minutes for the Athletics Committee. No one has yet to volunteer.

XI. Meeting Adjourned

Dr. Justin Joseph made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Debbie Williams seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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- Including all ticket sales for FY22 in the athletic department, did revenue of \$312,541.00. This one game produced more revenue than our entire athletic department's ticket sales
- Alcohol and Beverage sales did about \$30,000.00. Our average total gate is \$23,000, and the beverage sales topped that
- Expenses from that game

The City of Madison paid for the field transition about \$50,000 to \$80,000 (no expense to UNA)

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Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2023

XXIV. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Athletics Committee was called to order at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The meeting was held in the Pierce Hospitality Suite.

XXV. Roll Call

Present: Ms. Corrie Dalrymple, Dr. Janae Lyde, Ms. Debbie Williams, Dr. Lisa Clayton, Mr. Evan

Also, faculty at other universities have similar questions/criticisms on the transfer portal, NIL, and shifting conference affiliations, certain aspects of which give little/no consideration to academic concerns.

2) Fall semester grades continued the positive trend among UNA SAs with an overall GPA of 3.22 & about 20% earning a 4.0. Todd Vardaman may have further details to share.

XXX. Compliance Report

Mr. Todd Vardaman was not present and no report was provided.

XXXI. Athletic Directors Report

Dr. Josh Looney updated the committee on the following:

Transfer Portal

- 20,000 student athletes in the portal, up from 17,000 the year before
- The matriculation rate is at 50%. Almost 50% of student athletes in the portal do not get a scholarship, or do not enroll in school at all.
- NCAA is trying to slow down the portal by adding stipulations to the institution investments in student athletes.
- Dr. Looney wants to send the NCAA data to the individuals on the committee

Facilities

- Final walk through with city officials and the fire marshal on the Softball Indoor Hitting facility and Lounge
- Almost a million dollar project, all externally fundraised
- CB & S Bank Arena dedication – 10 year naming rights agree
- Will look to renovate the lobby in Flowers Hall with some money from the naming rights
- Student Success Center – is completed (study hall and tutoring)
- Cross Country Office/Team Space - completed

Revenue

- Basketball revenue has increased - \$116,706.00 gross revenue
- Basketball revenue up about 92%
- Premium seating sold out for seven (7) different games
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- Archie Manning will be the speaker at the Lions Athletic Club Dinner and Auction
- There are only 4 tables left for the event being held in August

APR

- Academic Progress Rate (APR) penalties are set to return next academic year (24-25).
- Penalties went on pause during Covid
- This is our first year where APR matters for us because we are fully active
- Most of our programs are not in the area of where they can be hit with a penalty, but there is one program that is in the danger zone
- Majority of the lost APR post are from graduate students or post-secondary bachelor students
- We have lost 11 total post on Post BA and graduate students
- APR score in the fall was pushing 990

XXXII. NCAA Transition Recommendations

Ms. Sherry Kennemer reported on recommendation #2. The NCAA recommendation wanted us to make sure that we did not have too many student athletes in one major. The largest number of athletes are in IDS (42 student athletes), Exercise Science (32 student athletes), and Sport Management (21 student athletes). 14 students that are in IDS are transfer students and will move to their desired majors, this is just a holding place. There are 23 student athletes enrolled in graduate classes.

XXXIII. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

XXXIV. New Business

We were occupied in this meeting by two of UNA's PHD students, Kyle Reason (first doctoral student at UNA) and Alyssa Crow.

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