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The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Board of Trustees
Athletics Committee

April 30, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair, Charles Blackmon, Crystal Bayne, Nathan Duggins, Ward Russell, Susan Safran, Harriett Smalls

GUESTS PRESENT: Director of Athletics, Liaison – Kim Record, Stacy Kosciak, Kathy Fair

PROCEEDINGS: Committee Chair Charles Blackmon called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. Minutes from the February 19, 2014 meeting were approved.

Information Items

Kim provided an update to the initial eligibility issue. The Associate Athletic Director for Compliance is in communication with the NCAA in regards to the process moving forward.

Kim provided an update on the APR (Academic Progress Rate) report for 12-13 which is expected to be made public the first week of May. She addressed the men’s soccer program falling below the minimum of 930. She explained that there were a number of reasons for this, but that for the last two years of the cohort are at 1000.

She also provided a status of the game tentatively being scheduled with NCA&T Men’s Basketball. She explained that there are discussions to play. She reiterated that she feels strongly that this is a game that needs to be played and benefits both institutions and the Greensboro community.

Kim provided an overview of the Executive Summary of the Financial Transparency Report. She stated that Phil Dubois, Chancellor – UNC Charlotte – chaired a working group that was charged with reviewing financial reporting practices and accountability measures used by each University to oversee financial operations of athletics programs. They were also asked to recommend what financial information should be reported annually to Chancellor; through Chancellor to Board of Trustees; to President; and through President to Board of Governors; while recognizing differences amongst the UNC System (Division I, Division II, FBS, FCS, no Football). The goal is to create a consistent review of athletics financial transparency. Jody Smith, Associate AD for Compliance and SWA represented UNCG on this working group.

There was a recommendation made to use the NCAA Financial Dashboard “Presidential View” of key financial indicators and other already available sources (e.g., NCAA reports, EADA, etc.) as a way to review financial information. This is to be shared with members of the Board of Trustees. It’s also recommended that the Chancellor annually review with the Board of Trustees the athletics budget and athletically related student fees. Another key area of focus is the review associated entities (e.g., Spartan Club through Excellence Foundation). This includes reporting structure, review of budget, audit, etc.
Kim stated that athletics currently provides this information to Board of Trustees in a variety of formats including the Athletics 101 education sessions and committee meetings but they will continue to work to streamline the process.

Kim provided a status update to the Board of Governors Task Force Check List. When the document was originally shared with the Athletics Committee almost 18 months ago it provided a snapshot of how the department was doing in regards to being compliant. At that time, athletics was compliant in 6, compliant (in-progress) in 12 and non-compliant in 2 components. Kim stated that the document reflects that the department has progressed to compliant in 18 components while being non-compliant in zero. She stated that although there are 2 areas that the department is in compliance (in progress), there is still a need to formalize the process.

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy M. Kosciak