MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Blackmon, Chair, Susan Safran

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Frances Bullock, Vanessa Carroll, Joseph Graham

OTHERS PRESENT: Brad Hayes, Chair of the Board of Trustees; Michael Jung, Interim General Counsel; Waiyi Tse, Chief of Staff; Stacy Kosciak, Senior Associate Athletic Director; Shannon Bennett, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees; Jody Smith, Senior Associate Athletic Director/SWA; Kim Record, Director of Athletics - Liaison

PROCEEDINGS: The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Charles Blackmon, Committee Chair. Blackmon read the Conflict of Interest Statement from the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts were identified.

Blackmon reminded the committee of its charge: The Athletics Committee will consider items and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees for action on issues within the purview of Intercollegiate Athletics, including issues relating to the student-athlete experience, academic performance and competitive success, and contracts of head coaches.

Quorum was not confirmed; therefore, minutes will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Kim Record shared a video that summarized the highlights of the 2015-16 athletic programs.

Bryan Terry presented a summary of the results of the UNC Intercollegiate Athletics Survey for 2015-16 which is administered by Enrollment Management.

- Prior to February 2015, the undergraduate student-athlete admission policy allowed for athletic, music, and Chancellor exceptions for students who didn’t meet minimum course requirements or minimum admission requirements. As of February 2015, any exception is considered a Chancellor's exception. Of the 2850 first-time freshmen admitted in 2015-16, only 48 are student athletes and only 1 received an exception. There are no exceptions for graduate student. In 2015-16 there was only one graduate student-athlete.
- Dr. Terry shared each sport Graduation Success Rate (GSR). In the spring 2016 semester, the student-athlete grade point average was 3.15 compared to 2.94 for non-athletes.
- There were 17 course sections with more than 25% of student-athletes enrolled. There was no statistically significant difference in mean course grades between student-athletes and non-athletes in all but one course. For that course, no corrective action has been planned as the course is taught by a different instructor each semester.
- The booster audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 found no exceptions.

Kim Record provided the following updates:
• A program review of the Athletic Department is being conducted, beginning with a survey of students, staff, and constituents administered by Collegiate Sports Associates. Results will assist us in crafting a strategic plan that aligns with the university’s. We plan to present the report from Collegiate Sports Associates in December.

• This year marks the 50th anniversary of formally organized athletics at UNCG. Athletics will kick off a Giant Steps fundraising campaign with a goal of $500,000. In 2015-16, athletics was 6% up in overall giving with 100% of student-athletes giving to the department.

• Paul Chilemo plans to visit campus and attend the men’s basketball game on November 11 and the hall of fame ceremony November 12.

• The athletic directors at SoCon institutions are meeting via conference call this week to discuss the ramifications of HB2 on our athletic conferences.

Blackmon asked if we anticipated any students electing to kneel during the National Anthem as has been seen throughout the country. Kim indicated that the issue has been discussed with the Chancellor and the Head Coaches to ensure that we are prepared in the event should it occur.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shannon Bennett
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees