

Minutes of October 29th meeting of the FS Athletics Committee

Attending: Todd Dooley, Mike Ward, Donna Thomas, Susan Ratliff, Chris Clark, Steve Waller, Mark Baggett, David Cobb, and John Koontz

Unable to attend include: Don Bruce, Wanda Costen, John Haas, Michael Jones, Alex Long, Karson March, Lane Morris, Fritz Polite, Rex Pringle.

Principal topics of discussion were:

- a. To revise the committee charge taking into account those already accomplished, changing circumstances in athletics, and changing circumstances in campus efforts for all students. The most discussion focused on wording of the reporting to the committee of the Thornton Center efforts to work with student athletes toward achieving improving their classroom performance. More effort will be given to this and discussed at the next meeting on November 26.
- b. Susan Ratliff reported on the achievements of the student athletes during the past academic year and new initiatives. These are summarized below.
 - Graduates:
 - Fall 2011 – 20
 - Spring 2012 – 52
 - Summer 2012 – 18
 - Total – 90
 - Spring 2012 Cumulative GPA for all student-athletes – 3.00
 - Spring 2012 Term GPA for all student-athletes – 3.11
 - Cumulative GPA after Spring 2012
 - 3.00 and above = 53.6%
 - 2.50 and above = 78.2%
 - Term GPA Spring 2012
 - 3.00 and above = 55.6%
 - NCAA Postgraduate Award winners
 - Ryan Helms, men's swimming and diving
 - Chanelle Price, women's track and field
 - Ellen Wortham, women's track and field
 - Glory Johnson in top 30 finalists for NCAA Woman of the Year
 - Tauren Poole received the ARA Sportsmanship Award
 - 226 student-athletes named to the SEC Honor Roll in 2011-12
 - Chelsea Knotts from women's track and field was named a University of Tennessee Torchbearer

- Renewing Academic Commitment (RAC) Program had 11 participants and 6 graduates in 2011-12
 - RAC Program currently has 5 participants and we expect to have 6-8 participants through Summer 2013
 - Every team participated in one or more of the 40 Community Service Events offered through the Thornton Center
 - Every team participated in the Career Development events
 - We have a new initiative for this year in a Leadership Development Program targeting the leaders from each team to form a group of men and women intent on developing leadership skills.
- c. The third topic to be presented was a review of the potential commonality of COIA and Drake initiative proposals for consideration by the committee. Due to conflicts in scheduling neither Dr. Polite nor Costen were able to attend to present.