

**UTK Faculty Senate  
Athletics Sub-Committee**

**Minutes for March 9, 2015 Meeting**

*Present:* Dean Kopsell (chair), Matt Cooper, Ray DeGennaro, Todd Dooley, Rex Pringle, Andy Puckett, Cary Staples, Donna Thomas, Songning Zhang, Julie Eckel (student athlete representative), Don Bruce (Faculty Athletics Representative), Joe Scogin, Chris Magra, Kari Alldredge (UT Admissions Office), Sarah Beth Clark (UT Athletics Compliance Office), Derek Hopko, Vicki Mayfield.

The meeting was located in the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center and called to order at 3:30 pm by Dean Kopsell. Agenda for the meeting was a discussion on admissions policy lead by Kari Alldredge, Assistant dean & Director, Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Highlights of the overview included:

- Undergraduate admissions for student athletes begins with admissions standards for the university, compliance issues through the UT Athletics Department, and involvement of the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center.
- There is a Special Admissions Committee (SAC) that can be contacted in the case of athletes, or any student applicant to the university, that is involved in eligibility and entrance standards set by the NCAA and the UT Admissions Office.
- All potential student athletes have a tour of the Thornton Center and are interviewed by the director and/or staff members.
- Standards for entrance into the university are approached in a holistic manner by UT Admissions. UT Athletics Compliance Office follows guidelines set by SEC and NCAA. Considerations:
  - Core GPA from a list of 16 courses at the high school level.
  - College admissions test score (ACT, SAT).
  - Progression of courses in high school and the grades received in that progression.
  - Letters of support or reference.

There was a great discussion by members of the committee and the invited speakers (Kari Alldredge and Sarah Beth Clark). The meeting was very informative and provided an overview of the admissions process for student athletes to this university.

Our next meeting is April 20, 2015.