

**UTK Faculty Senate
Athletics Sub-Committee**

Minutes for October 27, 2014 Meeting

Present: Dean Kopsell (chair), Todd Dooley, Jennifer Gramling, Chris Magra, Vickie Mayfield, Cary Staples, Donna Thomas, Songning Zhang, Julie Eckel (student athlete representative), Don Bruce (Faculty Athletics Representative).

Meeting was located in the Brenda Lawson Athletics Center and called to order at 3:30 pm by Dean Kopsell. Agenda for the meeting was a presentation by Todd Dooley, Associate Athletics Director for Compliance, on the new NCAA autonomy ruling and the proposed structure for Division 1 NCAA Athletics and how the member institutions will govern themselves. Highlights of the overview included:

- The new Board of Directors will now be more involved with oversight and strategic issues and less on rules-making.
- A new Council will replace the existing separate Legislative and Leadership councils. It will be composed of: 37.5% for the five highest-resource conferences (ACC, Big10, Big 12, SEC, Pac12); 18.8% for the five remaining FBS conferences; 37.5% for the FCS and Division 1 (no football) conferences; 3.1% for student athletes; 3.1% for designated Faculty Athletics Representatives. Any rules brought forth by the Council will be subject to review by the board.
- The proposed governance model allows for the five highest-revenue conferences to propose rules applicable to themselves directly to the Board of Directors without having to go through the Council.
- Todd Dooley explained that most of the legislation currently being proposed (for a February vote) is already happening at schools within the top conferences. A supportive vote would make them official rules.

There was a great discussion by members of the committee and input by Julie Eckel, the student athlete representative on the committee. The meeting ended with a short tour of the Anderson Training Center lead by Todd Dooley.