

**UTK Faculty Senate  
Athletics Sub-Committee**

**Minutes for February 29, 2016 Meeting**

*Present:* Dean Kopsell (chair), Dawn Coe, Ray DeGennaro, Jennifer Gramling, Chris Magra, Vickie Mayfield, Rex Pringle (ex officio), Joe Scogin (ex officio), Cary Staples, Sally Hunter, Andrew Adam (SGA), guests: Andrew Donovan (UT Athletics – Compliance); Theresa Lee (Dean, College of Arts & Sciences); Charles Collins (Interim Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences).

The meeting was located in the Thornton Athletics Student Life Center and called to order at 3:30 pm by chair Dean Kopsell. Guests were Jennifer Gramling, *Director of UT On-line Programs*, Theresa Lee, *Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences*, and Charles Collins, *Interim Associate Dean of Academic Programs, College of Arts & Sciences*. Jennifer Gramling presented information on the on-line programs at UT and how they pertain to UT Student Athletes. She outlined the program and explained her philosophy about on-line courses. She explained that UT uses on-line courses mainly for academic sessions (summer and short session) when students are not physically on campus. This is much different than other larger universities which may often use on-line courses to solve problems such as high enrollments and/or lack of classroom/instructional space. She provided material for the committee that related to academic integrity for students enrolled in on-line courses for credit. Deans from the College of Arts & Sciences were invited to attend by Jennifer and they participated in our discussion and contributed valuable information about potential fraudulent companies who provide materials and/or proxy students for on-line courses on a fee-based scale.

The discussion was lively and academic advisors in the Thornton Center described how they help student athletes manage on-line courses and UT's BlackBoard on-line course management system.

Next meeting will be on the topic of admission policies for student athletes. Our speakers will be Kari Alldredge, *Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Associate Provost for Enrollment Management*, and Sarah Beth Clark, *Director of Compliance UT Athletics*.

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