

**UTK Faculty Senate
Athletics Sub-Committee**

Minutes for November 23, 2015 Meeting

Present: Dean Kopsell (chair), Dawn Coe, Matt Cooper, Ray DeGennaro, Mike Ward (ex officio), Jennifer Gramling, Chris Magra, Vickie Mayfield, Joe Scogin (ex officio), Cary Staples, Sally Hunter, guest: Andrew Donovan (UT Athletics – Compliance).

The meeting was located in the Anderson Training Center and called to order at 3:30 pm by chair Dean Kopsell. Guests were Mike Ward, *Senior Associate Athletics Director for Administration and Sports Programs*, and Andrew Donovan, *Associate Athletics Director for Compliance*. Mr. Ward and Mr. Donovan gave the committee a status update on the compliance office within the Athletics Department and how their office interacts with student athletes. Mr. Ward presented a handout to illustrate the organizational chart for the compliance staff. He described a new structure where directors and associate directors within the office are now the (lead facilitator) contacts for individual sports. This has helped to streamline responses within the office and to strengthen relationships with student athletes. The directors and associate directors have also been assigned to be the lead contacts for different bylaw sections within NCAA and SEC governance parameters. The office has also divided up membership on various committees within the Athletic Department. Mr. Donovan is a recent hire within the office, so after introductions, he described his past experiences and current duties within the office. He did a great job at outlining the steps that happen when an infraction has occurred with a coach or student athlete. Both Mike and Andrew gave us updates on the new structure within the NCAA following the autonomy ruling and establishment of the power 5 conferences, especially the new roles for student athletes in governance.

Next meeting will be on the topic of on-line courses/programs for student athletes. Our speaker will be Jennifer Gramling, Director of On-line Programs for UT.