

## **Minutes of the February 11, 2013 FSAC meeting.**

Present: Mark Baggett, Don Bruce, Chris Clark, David Cobb (Student Government rep), Wanda Costen, Todd Dooley, Mike Jones, John Koontz, Fritz Polite, Susan Ratliff, Donna Thomas, and Steve Waller.

Faculty members absent: John Haas, Kurt Lamour, Lane Morris and Mark Windham.

A revised version of the committee charge was acted upon resulting in a minor editorial change to more clearly define the relationship between the committee and the FAR. This was then voted on and passed unanimously.

**Jason McVeigh, Director of Sports Medicine for athletics**, gave an overview of the office and services provided through sports medicine. This includes approximately 20 staff members including 10 regular full time staff and about 10 interns (graduate assistants).

Dr. Chris Klenck, a Primary Care Sports Medicine specialist, of Knoxville Orthopedics is the team physician and works closely with the staff. Helen Ross McNabb provides substance abuse counseling and access to a clinical psychiatrist.

The team chaplain is part of the treatment team when called upon.

Referrals for treatment come from a variety of sources, including but not limited to:

- the student athlete themselves,
- the coaches
- other team members
- Thornton Center staff

The treatment team is based on the type of assistance needed.

A description of the "Concussion Management" plan was presented and discussed. This is a formalized plan to educate about and emphasize the signs to be aware of and steps to be taken upon recognition of those signs of a concussion.

There are weekly treatment team meetings for each student athlete undergoing treatment that includes everyone involved in the treatment.

The office holds annual coaches educational and training sessions to alert them to the departmental functions and procedures.

**Wanda Costen** attended the most recent meeting of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics and reported to the committee. There were two principal topics of discussion. The first discussed was the focus on the responsibility of athletic conferences and their affiliated academic institutions for the academic integrity of their programs and that this is not part of the oversight role of the NCAA. The second topic was the perceived need for a faculty representative to the NCAA who is elected by the faculty rather than appointed by the Chancellor, "CEO", of the campus like that FAR (faculty athletic representative). The concern expressed at the meeting was that the FAR does not represent the same level of concern as would someone who is elected by the faculty and is not directly accountable to the faculty. These topics generated considerable discussion. For example, many institutions have the equivalent of our Thornton Center reporting to the Athletics department rather than the Provost: i.e. the chief academic officer of the campus. Or, perhaps a COIA representative should attend a meeting of the faculty athletic representatives. In doing so they would realize that maintaining academic integrity is the major focus at the meetings.