

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee

October 5, 2011

Present: Brett Bennett, Mary Adams, Barbara Michaelides, Ulas Ograk, Bobby Staub, Tasha Fisher, Anthony Walker

Absent: Kevin Unter, Nate Brown, Bob Cage, Roxanne Cassel, Wilson Campbell, Sam Bruscato, Anthony Malta

The meeting opened at 4:10 pm. Because there was no quorum, motions could not be made. In old business, Bennett noted that new recruits are going through a more thorough academic evaluation as we look for more accurate indicators of success. Bennett then turned the floor over to our reports:

AD Report:

Conference re-alignment continues to be a hot topic. Staub indicated that we are paying close attention because various scenarios could impact ULM and the Sunbelt. “The best strategy is for us to be as attractive as possible. We need to grow, win, and improve our academic profile.”

Staub made a brief comment on the Strategic Plan, which began six months ago. Work on the specifics is now underway.

Staub highlighted the upcoming football game, the refurbished floor in Fant-Ewing Coliseum, our volleyball team’s recent success, and recent out-of-conference wins for Sunbelt football teams.

Senior Compliance Administrator Report:

Fisher stated that APR has been submitted. We are now in the second phase: correction and adjustment. We have only two teams that will fall below the 925 mark (men’s football and men’s basketball). Both have improved but remain slightly below the required score.

All teams for fall are certified.

Chair Report:

Dr. Unter is on leave.

FAR Report:

Bennett will meet with Sunbelt FAR Association later this semester, and he will also attend the national FAR Association meeting in San Diego in November. He indicated his goal: to integrate ULM into the leadership of the Sunbelt FARs. “I want to be a positive influence and give a positive representation of us.”

Bennett announced that the women's tennis team has received a Public Recognition Award from the NCAA. This award recognizes the top 10% of programs. He went on to say that the Task Force is accomplishing its goals. Ograk asked why the TF was formed. "Because of our low APR, we modeled ourselves after the UAB system, which succeeded in reversing their situation." Eventually, the TF will recommend policies and procedures that the UAAAC will maintain.

Our subcommittees will inherit their charges from the Task Force. Those subcommittees were announced last time. If members would like to change subcmtes, they should inform Bennett.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams
Secretary of UAAAC
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