



UAAAC October Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2017

Attendees: Mary Adams, Brett Bennett, Bob Cage, Tommie Church, Tom DeNardin, Todd Dooley, Nick Floyd, Jim Greenlaw, Leigh Hersey, Myra Lovett, Barbara Michaelides, Carl Thameling, Lisa Varytimidis, and Bruce Walker

Tom called the meeting to order

**Questions and Statements from the Chair:**

Tom asked for clarification about the 4 student athlete representatives being approved by Dr. Bruno. There are to be two for the fall semester and two for the spring semester.

Tom also asked about the charge of the FAR.

Brett reported that the role in the beginning for the FAR was APR, but there is no written charge for the FAR at ULM as per UAAAC policies.

Tom said that the UAAAC should make sure to have appropriate faculty and student athlete representation, make sure goals and objectives set by committee and sub-committees be met, and that the UAAAC Moodle page stays updated.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

Equity and Student Well Being - composed a new charge for their subcommittee. Carl reported that one of this subcommittee's responsibilities is to look at scheduling (game travel) issues and to make recommendations to athletics.

Nick Floyd suggested that the subcommittee develop criteria for composing schedules, and hold coaches accountable to criteria in scheduling travel. He also added that scheduling well in advance of seasons is not always possible. Barbara added that it was a good practice to look at schedules to make future academic scheduling changes.

A subcommittee was formed to look at setting criteria for the scheduling process for athletics. The members are Lisa, Carl, Brett, Todd, and Nick.

AICS – composed a mission statement and described objectives related to the mission statement. The mission statement and objectives will be emailed to the members of the UAAAC in the near future.

Compliance – (Todd) reported that several sports are going through certification at this time. He added that one thing that would streamline the process would be the use of FlightPath as the electronic degree audit.

Myra Lovett made a motion that the UAAAC make the recommendation to Dr. Bruno that FlightPath become the official degree sheet/audit for all ULM academic programs. Brett seconded the motion.

FAR – Brett is trying to attend the FARA meeting in November, but will definitely attend the Sunbelt FAR meeting.

Academics – asked everyone to please be patient with pre-advisement of athletes. Two of the athletic counselors are out on maternity leave; therefore, any help offered in certification process would be definitely be appreciated.

Athletics – Nick wants to have a more consistent meetings of athletic staff, including separate meetings for senior staff, head coaches, and entire staff.

He added that football progress under the leadership of Coach Viator has been positive, and the positioning in the Sunbelt with 2-0 standing leaves everyone optimistic for the season and a growing program. The ULM-FL State game is in process of being set for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is contingent on FL State not being part of the championship. This game has a \$1.3 million guarantee for ULM.

Athletics is in the process of hiring someone to oversee Facility and Game Operations. This position should be filled in the next couple of weeks. He added that annual reports are due soon including the Business Office Report and the NCAA financial report.

Nick, Todd, and Mary met a few weeks ago to talk about the overall relationship between Athletics and the UAAAC. Also, they talked about creating a better faculty and Athletics relationship.

#### **New Business:**

Tom asked if someone in Marketing in Athletics could work on promoting better faculty attendance at sport events/games. Nick said he would talk to Eric Elliott, the current marketing person for athletics.

Lisa V talked about Athletics' tie to the community with monthly community service. Athletics has helped with Special Olympics, Race for the Cure, the Pumpkin Patch, and Hurricane Relief efforts. In addition Men's Basketball helps with the collection and loading of items to be delivered to the Council on Aging. Leigh added that athletic community service is rated according to economics and per hour service.

(Next meeting is Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>)

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.