

MINUTES
ATHLETIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE
April 2, 2015
BA 290

Per System Policy 18.01 Athletic Council - The principal function of the Athletic Council is to advise the president in the development and supervision of intercollegiate athletic programs.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (Terms expire August 31, of year below):

Attending:

Brent Donham	Sangkwon Lee	LaVelle Hendricks- <i>ex-officio</i>
Jennifer Flanagan	Edward Romero	Josh Jorgensen- <i>ex-officio</i>
Jody Todhunter	Henry Ross	David McKenna- <i>ex-officio</i>
Nate Templeton	Dina Sosa	Judy Sackfield- <i>ex-officio</i>
Alicia Currin	Donna Spinato	Ryan Ivey- <i>ex-officio</i>
Janet Anderson	Fred Stewart	Jackie Wallgren- <i>ex-officio</i>
Paige Bussell	Donna Tavener	Ray Garvin- <i>ex-officio</i>
Barbara Corvey	Blake Cooper	

Not attending:

Derald Harp	Maria Ramos	Matt Rich
John Kaulfus	Rick Rosenstengle	
John Ballotti	Jerry Lytle	

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (Ryan)

- Approval of minutes from February 5th
 - Nate motioned to approve the minutes. Henry seconded that motion. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Ray Garvin, Associate Director of Development

STANDING REPORTS

- FAR Report (LaVelle Hendricks)
 - Academic Appreciation Night
 - Each Dean will select several faculty members to attend.
- Academics (Brent Donham)
 - Degree Completion Awards
 - NFF Gridiron Club of Dallas Collegiate Scholar awarded to Brandon Turner.
 - Held 488 tutoring sessions this semester.
 - 7,019 hours spent in academic center this semester.
 - Progress reports – Received 71% return on first progress report and 21% return on the second one.
 - Judy sends multiple reminders for progress reports to professors.

- SAAC Update (Matt Rich)
 - April Community Fundraisers
 - Car Wash – Make A Wish
 - Track Meet - Volunteers welcome.
 - Cleaning Highway
 - Working on Acronyms
 - Athletes working concessions
 - Softball Field
 - Money goes to Make A Wish Foundation.
- Student Athlete Well-Being Sub Committee (John Kaulfus)
 - Working on PowerPoint to present to Council at next meeting.
- Business (Janet Anderson)
 - Budget Handout
 - Coaches send preliminary budgets by early May.
 - Athletic fee went up from \$10 to \$10.99 starting in Fall 2015 to provide about \$53,000 in revenue the first year.
- External Sub Committee Report (Blake Cooper)
 - Lion Athletic Club Fundraising
 - Targeting 1000 people at \$10 per month
- Compliance Sub Committee (Jody Todhunter)
 - Received Compliance Manual
 - Working on edits and revisions in order to present to Council at Summer Retreat.
 - Peer Review of extracurricular activities.
- Athletic Director Report (Ryan Ivey)
 - Men's Basketball
 - LSC Championship
 - 1st time in 10 years Men's Basketball won the Tournament Championship and advanced to the NCAA tournament.
 - Media Coverage
 - Darrell Williams Story.
 - Total Local Viewership of 1,871,819 & total local ad value of \$334,655.40
 - Men & Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track
 - Currently in-season.
 - Next Outdoor home meet is Saturday April 18 with the East Texas Invite.
 - Men's team is currently ranked #3 Nationally in the latest T&F Poll.
 - National Signing Day
 - Saw us sign 44 student-athletes.
 - All from Texas.
 - Saw a good solid group recruited locally & all have a chance to make an impact and difference on what we are doing.

- TAMUC NFL Pro Day
 - Held, what we believe to be the 1st ever NFL Pro-day Combine at A&M-Commerce on March 17th.
 - Had 26 scouts & 2 position coaches here. It's extremely rare to have position coaches attend. Really good exposure for our program & institution. Will really help with recruiting.
 - Goal is to make it an annual event, where we become where all small school athletes come & test.
- Vendor Outreach for Sponsorships & Donations
 - Received University vendor list from Travis & purchasing. In the process of contacting our vendors to try to leverage some return, especially in regards to corporate sponsorship sales.
- Weight Room/Whitley Gym
 - Work will begin on May 2 for our weight room renovation.
 - Will see us install new flooring, new lighting & brand new weight equipment.
 - See rendering.
- Tailgating Task Force
 - Meet this Monday to discuss options for tailgating.
 - Thought we had a solid meeting with some good discussion with all the stakeholder groups about what is best for the experience of everyone involved.
 - Athletics is currently working on some solutions & alternative options that will be presented to the group at our next meeting on Monday April 13.
 - Appreciate the willingness for everyone to be open to maximizing all of our opportunities.
- Softball Field
 - Is substantially complete.
 - Still have some issues that we are addressing and those will be done after the season.
 - We are also looking into the bathroom & concession stand options and again will be addressed after the season.
 - Only 6 home games left this season for softball (April 10 & 11, both DH vs. Midwestern State and April 21 DH vs. Southern Arkansas).
 - 18-16 on the year so far. Currently have the #1 SOS in the region & has a chance to make the NCAA Tournament as an at large, if they can continue winning.
- Bonuses for Coaches
 - Per University procedure, coaches are eligible for bonuses in the event they have achieved post season success.
 - We have been fortunate that we have had reason to pay out bonuses this season and have done per the procedure that was approved.
- Athletic Fee Referendum Planning
 - Currently in the planning stages of a possible Athletic Fee Referendum for the fall.
 - Looking at several different options that will make a major impact on Athletics for many years.

- Athletic Banquet
 - Monday May 4, 7pm @ Ferguson Auditorium. Everyone is invited. Will provide an opportunity to showcase & celebrate the successes that our student-athletes have achieved this year. Encourage everyone to attend.
 - Hand out regarding successes this season.
- List of Items for future meetings.
 - Future meeting dates
 - June 12, 2015 – Retreat
 - Retreat topics
 - Include brainstorming session.
 - Discuss admission policy changes to inform coaches.
 - Include coaches' reports.
 - Leadership session
 - Roger Stallback
 - Compliance
 - Scholarships
 - Lonestar Conference
 - Start making an annual report of what we did for the year.
 - Update website with previous meeting minutes.
 - Get report from Alicia.
 - Make time to acknowledge outstanding athletes at each meeting by writing congratulatory cards.
- Other Updates:
 - Updates on Strategic Planning Task Force (Judy Sackfield)
 - Imaginuity
 - Marketing assessment
 - Shuttle Committee/Pride Ride
 - Intramural Field Repairs
 - Soccer Field Maintenance
- Announcements
 - RSVP to Athletic Banquet on May 4th.
 - Track Meet in Commerce on April 18th.

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Men's Basketball
 - Ranked #7 in NCAA South Central Regional Rankings
 - Won Fourth LSC Tournament Championship
- Men's Golf
 - Team finishes 10th in the 2015 San Antonio Shootout
 - Team finishes 5th in the 2015 Rattler Invitational
 - Team finishes 2nd in the 2015 Lions Classic
- Men's Track and Field
 - Won its first LSC Track and Field Championship in 48 years.

- Beginning of March, Indoor Men's Track goes from No. 25 to the No. 15 spot in the country in the USTFCCCA poll.
- Tom Dibbern and Ross Smithey earn the South Central Region's Men's Head Coach and Men's Assistant Coach of the Year awards from USTFCCCA.
- Team finishes 12th at the NCAA Division II Championships.
- End of March, team reaches the No. 3 spot in the country according to USTFCCCA poll.
- Women's Basketball
 - Three players receive All-Conference Awards at LSC All-Conference Banquet.
- Women's Golf
 - Team finishes 9th in Lion Invitational
 - Team finishes 12th in Midwestern State Invitational
 - Team finishes 5th in Lions Classic
- Women's Softball
 - First LCS series win in TAMUC history against Eastern New Mexico in Game 2 of the series.
- Women's Track and Field
 - Finishes 5th at LSC Championships

UPCOMING EVENTS/SAVE THE DATES

2014-15 Men's Golf Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
4/5-7/2015	DBU Patriot Classic	Irving, TX
4/19-21/2015	<i>Lone Star Conference</i>	<i>Frisco, Texas</i>

2014-15 Men's and Women's Track and Field Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
4/2/2015	ASU David Noble Relays	San Angelo, TX
4/9-10/2015	David Noble/ASU Relays - Multi Event	San Angelo, TX
4/11/2015	Tarleton State Tri Meet	Stephenville, TX
4/18/2015	East Texas Invitational	Commerce, Texas
4/25/2015	J. Fred Ducket Twilight	Houston, TX
5/7-9/2015	LSC Outdoor Championships	San Angelo, Texas
5/21-23/2015	<i>NCAA Div. II Outdoor Championships</i>	<i>Allendale, MI</i>

2014-15 Women's Golf Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
4/2-4/2015	West Region Desert Shootout	Goodyear, Ariz.
4/12-14/2015	Doc Housewright Invitational	Granbury, Tex.
4/19-21/2015	* <i>Lone Star Conference Championships</i>	<i>Frisco, Texas</i>

2014-15 Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
4/3/2015	* Tarleton State University (DH)	Stephenville, TX	5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
4/4/2015	* Tarleton State University (DH)	Stephenville, TX	1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.
4/10/2015	* Midwestern State University (DH)	Commerce, TX	6:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
4/11/2015	* Midwestern State University (DH)	Commerce, TX	1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.
4/17/2015	* Angelo State University (DH)	San Angelo, TX	4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
4/18/2015	* Angelo State University (DH)	San Angelo, TX	1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.
4/21/2015	Southern Arkansas University (DH)	Commerce, TX	4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.
5/1/2015	<i>Lone Star Conference</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>
5/2/2015	<i>Lone Star Conference</i>	<i>TBA</i>	<i>TBA</i>

