

MINUTES
ATHLETIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE
October 1, 2015 from 2-2:45 P.M.
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):

2016

Nate Templeton

(EX-OFFICIO)

Associate AD for External Affairs (vacant)

Jamie Douglas

David McKenna

Judy Sackfield

Director of Athletics (**New AD announced: Tim McMurray**)

Director of Compliance (Kara Carpenter as Interim)

2017

Alicia Currin, Chair

Janet Anderson

Edward Romero

Paige Bussell

Barbara Corvey

Donna Tavener

Maria Ramos

Rick Rosenstengle

Henry Ross

Dina Sosa

Donna Spinato

Fred Stewart

FAR REPRESENTATIVE

LaVelle Hendricks (ex-officio)

ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE/2017

Jerry Lytle & Blake Cooper

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE/2018

Sue Davis

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES/2015

Macey Reece & Chase Graham

SAAC MEMBERSHIP/2016

Luci Ponce

2018

Brent Donham

Derald Harp

Jody Todhunter

David Morgan

Ray Garvin

Shawn DeVeau (Interim Dean of Students)

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (Alicia)

- Last meeting concluded with the annual retreat-no minutes to report

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- Introductions
 - New members: David Morgan, Luci Ponce, Chase Graham, Macey Reece, Kara Carpenter, Sue Davis, and Shawn DeVeau.
 - Council will keep sub-committee structure. We need to add new members to a sub-committee.
 - Suggestion to replace John Kaulfus as head of subcommittee with Dina Sosa.
- System Policy 18.01
 - Our purpose is to advise the president in the development and supervision of intercollegiate athletics programs. (i.e. student absences from class, facilities, etc.)
- Send your shirt size to Rebecca Pressley for Athletic Council shirts.
- Email Jamie Douglas to get your season tickets.

ATHLETIC STAFFING

- Director of Athletics
 - Tim McMurray was announced as Athletic Director.
- Associate AD for External Relations
 - The new Director of Athletics will fill this position.
- Director of Compliance (interim)
 - This position will be filled permanently.

STANDING REPORTS

- FAR Report (LaVelle Hendricks)
 - FAR Report
 - Self-Study
 - Handed out copies for everyone to review before next meeting. Will delve out responsibilities for each section in December. It is due on June 1st but wants it completed by March 1st.
 - This is a critically important document to complete. Failure to complete will cause us to be ineligible under NCAA.
 - Blue and Gold Thursdays for Faculty to support the Lion Athletics by wearing t-shirts that say "Support Lion Athletics"
- Academics (Brent Donham)
- SAAC Update (Luci Ponce)
 - Won the SAAC cup.
 - SAAC raised over \$5,000 for the Make A Wish Foundation. Athletes contributed over 3,000 hours of community service.
 - SAAC has created a Social Media and a Community Service subcommittee.
 - They have started to get recycling bins in the locker rooms, weight room, success center, etc.
 - Follow SAAC on twitter at TAMUC_SAAC.
 - Softball Homerun Derby has been moved to October 30th. Luci Ponce is taking donations.
 - Softball and golf team won highest GPA among students.
- Student Athlete Well-Being Sub Committee (Dina Sosa)
- Business (Janet Anderson)
 - NCAA Audit
 - "Agree-upon-procedures" audit is taking place this fall. Auditors will be on campus week of November 30th and December 7th. Financial Report is due in January.

- Looking at Business Committee Report handout, attendance is over 6,000 each game. This has increased revenue and puts us in better shape than last year.
- Fundraising (Ray Garvin)
 - We hit fundraising records this year with 2.2 million raised as an institution and over \$140,000 was donated to the athletic department.
 - Let Ray Garvin know if you know of anyone who would be willing to donate money, services, products, etc.
 - October 9th at 7pm is the dinner honoring Aubree Butts and Devin Oliver. Funds from the event will go to a scholarship fund given out to any female student, not just athletes. Maria Ramos brought up the concern of limiting it to one demographic. Ray Garvin ensures we have been approved to offer it to only one gender.
 - President purchased a table of 10 for the members of the Athletic Council.
- External Sub Committee Report (Blake Cooper)
 - 100 Seasons of Athletics
- Compliance Sub Committee (Jody Todhunter)
- Athletic Director Report (Judy Sackfield)
 - Soccer
 - Current record of 5-1. Soccer team knocked Angelo State out of their 7th ranking position. Next home game is October 6th at 7pm. Julie Hernandez received NCAA Offensive Player of the week.
 - Football
 - October 10th football game will be televised by ESPN. Trying to get as many people in attendance as we can. Cameras will be facing visitor side. SAAC invited AC Williams AB Honor roll students to attend the game. Faculty will be honored at game by being marched onto the field.
 - Ranked 18th on AFC poll. Rich Cooper averaged 100 yards in 4 straight games.
 - Volleyball
 - Current record of 10-4. Volleyball team knocked West Texas out of their rank for the first time since 1994.
 - Cross Country
 - Cross Country has hired a new coach. They've had two meets and are showing improvements.
 - Tailgating
 - Donna Tavener encourages everyone to stop by their tent at the tailgate. Blake Cooper mentioned that the move to the side street was a great idea. People have seen the tailgate going on and attended the game because of it.
 - Softball Field
 - Homecoming
 - Game has been moved from 4pm to 3pm as well as the volleyball game has been moved up from 2pm to 1pm.
 - Hannah Kirby will be performing again at the tailgate and singing the National Anthem.
 - Lonestar Conference
 - New commissioner
 - Taryn Driver was nominated to National SAAC to represent the Lonestar Conference.
- Facilities (David McKenna & Alicia Currin)
 - Athletics
 - Repairs to stadium this past summer
 - Restrooms for softball field
 - Locker rooms for softball & soccer
 - Field house locker rooms
 - Training facility
 - Institutional
 - Planning for P3 Residence Hall
 - Nursing & Health Sciences Bldg
 - MAC Court

- Tennis Courts
- Meeting Dismissed at 2:45 p.m. to allow Athletic Council to attend the 3:00 p.m. Athletic Director Search Press Conference. President Jones formally announced and introduced Tim McMurray as the new A&M-Commerce Lions Athletic Director.
- Future meeting dates
 - December 3, 2015
 - February 4, 2016
 - April 7, 2016
 - June 17, 2016 – Retreat
- Important Dates
 - Homecoming
 - October 21st – Hotdog Spirit Rally 12 pm
 - October 23rd – Golf Tournament: Registration and Lunch 11 am/Start 12 pm
 - October 23rd – Lucky’s Thank You Celebration: Reception 5:30 pm/Dinner 6:30 pm
 - October 24th - Mayo Memorial 9 am
 - October 24th - Brick Garden Ribbon Cutting 9:30 am
 - October 24th - Homecoming Parade 10:15 am/ Tailgate to follow
 - October 24th - Football vs. Midwestern State 3 pm
 - Athletic Events
 - October 9th – 1525 Legacy Dinner
 - Soccer
 - October 1st – Soccer at Texas Woman’s 7 pm
 - October 6th – Soccer vs. DBU at Commerce 7 pm
 - October 15th – Soccer vs. Texas Women’s 7 pm
 - October 23rd – Soccer vs. West Texas A&M 7 pm
 - October 25th – Soccer vs. Eastern New Mexico 1 pm
 - November 5th & 6th – Soccer vs. Lonestar Conference TBA
 - Softball
 - October 2nd – Softball Homerun Derby Fundraiser 6:30 pm
 - October 9th – Softball vs. Northeast Texas Community College 5 & 7 pm
 - October 16th – Softball vs. Weatherford college 5 & 7 pm
 - October 23rd – Softball vs. Paris Junior college 5 & 7 pm
 - Volleyball
 - October 2nd – Volleyball at Cameron 5:30 pm
 - October 23rd – Volleyball vs. Eastern New Mexico 5 pm
 - October 24th – Volleyball vs. West Texas A&M 1 pm
 - November 3rd – Volleyball vs. Tarleton 6 pm
 - November 6th – Volleyball vs. Midwestern State
 - November 7th – Volleyball vs. Cameron 7 pm
 - November 13th – Volleyball vs. TWU 6 pm
 - November 19th-21st – Volleyball vs. Lonestar Conference TBA
 - December 3rd- 5th – Volleyball vs. NCAA South Central Regionals TBA
 - Football
 - October 3rd – Football at Tarleton State at 7 pm
 - October 10th – Football vs. Angelo State at 7 pm
 - October 24th – Football vs. Midwestern State 3 pm
 - November 7th & 14th – Football vs. Lonestar Conference TBA
 - Women’s Basketball
 - November 17th – Women’s Basketball vs. Southern Arkansas 6 pm
 - November 21st – Women’s Basketball vs. LeTourneau 4 pm
 - November 30th – Women’s Basketball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma 6 pm
 - Men’s Basketball

- November 14th – Men's Basketball vs. Newman 5:30 pm
- November 18th – Men's Basketball vs. Huston-Tillotson 7:30 pm