

Athletics Committee Meeting

January 28, 2014

Stevens Hall

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Athletics Committee was called to order at 11:00 am on January 28, 2014 in Stevens Hall.

II. Roll Call

Members present were: Dr. Miranda Bowie, Dr. Lisa Clayton, Mr. Ben Baker, Mr. Mark Linder, Mrs. Christa Raney, Mr. Todd Vardaman, Mr. David Shields, Mrs. Lisa Burton, Ms. Donna Tipps, Dr. Pat Roden

Absent: Mr. Daryl Brown, Mrs. Debbie Williams, Mr. Austin Smith, Mrs. Doris McDaniel, Mr. Jenson Joiner, Mr. Walter Hartley

III. Approval of the Minutes for the November 7, 2013 Meeting

Mrs. Christa Raney made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ben Baker seconded. All present approved the minutes as presented.

IV. Minority Opportunity Committee Report

The Student Athlete Minority Mentoring Program was launched in November 2013. Mentors from the mentoring program are invited to attend the Minority Opportunity Committee meeting on February 11, 2014, to share ideas, experiences and gather information they have had with their mentee. Dr. Pat Roden stated that she had material and information regarding recommendations for mentor programs that she would share with the Minority Opportunity Committee members.

V. Gender Equity Committee Report

Mr. Mark Linder, Mrs. Debbie Williams, and Mrs. Peggy Wingo have met twice to review the Gender Equity Strategic Plan. The plan has been updated and will be reviewed by Gender Equity committee members in March 2014.

VI. Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Mark Linder stated that there are 3 projects to focus on in 2014.

- 2014 Football Schedule - Almost finalized
- The OVC presidents will meet on February 10, 2014. A packet with UNA information will be sent to OVC for the presidents to view at the meeting.

- The funding is secured for the UNA Athletics department weight room.

VII. New Business

The commissioner for the Gulf South Conference, Mr. Nathan Salant, has retired. The search for a new commissioner is in progress.

On November 23, 2013, the UNA football team played Tuskegee at Braly Stadium. The NCAA mandated that the UNA students be moved from the seating on the visitor's side to the home side of UNA. Mr. Mark Linder is in discussion with Dr. Bill Cale, UNA President, regarding this issue with the NCAA.

At the NCAA convention in January 2014 in San Diego, CA, a summer orientation bridge program was discussed. The program could be a leadership training program that would be beneficial to student-athletes prior to the start of the fall semester.

VIII. Adjourn

Dr. Pat Roden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Lisa Clayton seconded the motion.