



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 6, 2012  
2:30 pm  
Florida International University  
Modesto A. Maidique Campus  
MARC International Pavilion

**Committee Membership:**

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*; Marcelo Claire, *Vice Chair*; Sukrit Agrawal; Robert T. Barlick, Jr.; Thomas A. Breslin; Mayi de la Vega; Laura Fariñas

**Liaisons:**

Michael R. Mendez, *Foundation Board of Directors*; A. Vicky Garcia-Toledo, *President's Council*; Mitchell R. Less, *President's Council*

**AGENDA**

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| <b>1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks</b>                          | <b>Jorge L. Arrizurieta</b>                                |
| <b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>  | <b>Jorge L. Arrizurieta</b>                                |
| <b>3. Discussion/Information Items</b> ( <i>No Action Required</i> ) |  |
| <b>3.1 Athletics</b>   | <b>Pete Garcia</b>   |
| 3.1.1 Overview   |  |
| 3.1.2 Conference Realignment   |  |
| 3.1.3 Introduction of Coaches and Student Athlete                    |  |
| <b>3.2 Financial Update</b>  | <b>Alex Duque</b>  |
| <b>3.3 Revenue Generating Opportunities</b>                          | <b>Lori-Ann Cox<br/>Wesley Hardin<br/>Shawn Thorimbert</b> |
| <b>3.4 Student-Athlete Academic Center Update</b>                    | <b>Philip Moses</b>  |
| <b>4. New Business</b> ( <i>If Any</i> )                             | <b>Jorge L. Arrizurieta</b>                                |
| <b>5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment</b>                         | <b>Jorge L. Arrizurieta</b>                                |

*Next Athletics Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2012*

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**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Athletics Committee**

June 6, 2012

**Subject: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on November 22, 2011**

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**Proposed Committee Action:**

Approval of Minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

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**Background Information:**

Committee members will review and approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

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**Supporting Documentation:** Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes: November 22, 2011

**Facilitator/Presenter:** Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta

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**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
November 22, 2011**

**1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks**

The Florida International University Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta at 9:38 am on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

The following attendance was recorded:

***Present***

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*  
Sukrit Agrawal  
Thomas A. Breslin  
Mayi de la Vega  
Patrick O'Keefe  
Michael R. Mendez, *FIU Foundation Board of Directors*  
A. Vicky Garcia-Toledo, *President's Council*  
Mitchell R. Less, *President's Council*

***Excused***

Marcelo Claure, *Vice Chair*  
Joseph L. Caruncho

University President Mark B. Rosenberg was also in attendance.

Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta welcomed all Trustees, faculty, staff and students to the meeting. He noted that since the last meeting of the Athletics Committee, the Board of Trustees had welcomed several new members. He welcomed Trustees Sukrit Agrawal, Mayi de la Vega and Patrick O'Keefe, and thanked them for agreeing to serve on the Committee. Committee Chair Arrizurieta also welcomed FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors member Michael R. Mendez and thanked him for graciously agreeing to serve as the Foundation Board liaison to the Athletics Committee. Committee Chair Arrizurieta recognized President's Council members A. Vicky Garcia-Toledo and Mitchel R. Less, noting that the insight and recommendations of the President's Council liaisons are an integral part of the Committee and thanked them for their continued service.

Committee Chair Arrizurieta congratulated the Women's Soccer Team on winning the 2011 Sun Belt Tournament and recognized Coach Thomas Chestnutt for his hard work and dedication. Coach Chestnutt

addressed the Committee to provide brief remarks on the team's successful season, which culminated in their second Sun Belt Conference Championship. He noted that 12 team members achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, adding that student-athletes demonstrate a tremendous commitment to their studies.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Arrizurieta asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 2, 2010, Athletics Committee meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on December 2, 2010.

Committee Chair Arrizurieta requested to take the agenda out of order. There were no objections.

## **3. Discussion/Information Items**

### **3.1. Athletics Overview**

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia presented the Athletics Overview, reporting on the recent accomplishments for Athletics teams. He noted that the FIU football team set a program-record with its eighth victory of the season. He stated that student-athlete achievement extended beyond their respective sports to the classroom where academic progress has boasted remarkable success. He announced that the Sun Belt Conference honored 100 FIU student-athletes for achieving grade point averages of 3.0 or better during the 2010-11 academic year. He thanked the coaches and members of the athletics department who support the academic success of the student-athletes.

Mr. Garcia noted that the head coaches have worked tirelessly to establish programs that provide the resources for student-athletes to excel in competition, in the classroom and in the community. He announced that contract extensions for coaches Melissa Applebaum-Dall'au, Mario Cristobal, Randy Horner, Henry "Turtle" Thomas and Joseph Vogel were successfully completed.

### **3.2. Introduction of Head Coach and Student Athlete**

Mr. Garcia introduced Head Coach of FIU Women's Swimming and Diving Team Randy Horner. Coach Horner addressed the Committee, stating that recruitment efforts focused nationally and abroad have garnered widespread recognition and a top 25 national ranking. He reported that for the Spring 2011 semester, the team achieved Scholar All American status by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA), with a 3.26 team grade point average. Coach Horner stated that the University's Student-Athlete Academic Center should also be commended for their instrumental role in the academic success of the Women's Swimming and Diving program.

Mr. Garcia introduced FIU senior April Perry, member of the Women's Soccer team, and asked her to provide brief remarks on her experiences as a student-athlete. Ms. Perry thanked Coach Chestnutt for his leadership, noting that he enabled her to balance successful academic and athletic experiences.

### **3.3. Capital Improvement Initiative Update**

On behalf of Senior Vice President for University Advancement and President and CEO of the FIU Foundation Inc. Howard R. Lipman, Mr. Garcia provided an update on the Capital Improvement Initiative. He noted that Mr. David F. Alfonso, for whom the FIU Panther Football team's home field was named, has been instrumental in advancing the plans for the stadium's expansion. Mr. Garcia noted that the expansion was expected to be completed by September 2012 and will increase the stadium's capacity. He stated that the planned expansion would provide needed seating to members of the University community while also reflecting national trends.

### **3.4. Discussion of Sports-Related Injuries**

Senior Associate Athletic Director Julie Berg led a discussion on sports-related injuries. She stated that the Athletics Department has implemented a comprehensive program for the prevention and treatment of brain injuries in student-athletes as the result of a policy adopted in April 2010 by the NCAA Executive Committee that requires institutions to have a concussion management plan. She noted that FIU's program is characterized by base-line neurocognitive and neuro-psychomotor testing for each student-athlete – Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT) – along with Wii balance assessment. She noted that when head injuries occur, student-athletes are placed through a series of assessments that record their reaction time, balance and motor skills. She added that student-athletes are gradually increased to exertion prior to return to full participation and are retested throughout the rehabilitation and healing process. She noted that student-athletes are not permitted to participate until scores are within baseline test limits and they are symptom-free for twenty four hours. Mrs. Berg also stated that Intercollegiate Athletics staff is well trained to recognize key symptoms of injury and that the Department works closely with local hospitals and physician specialists in order to provide high quality care to injured student-athletes. She noted that treatment of injuries and long-term prevention of future injuries are handled through collaborative efforts between the certified athletic trainers and physicians. She added that individualized training and rehabilitation programs are created for each student-athlete based on each student-athlete's specific needs. Mrs. Berg further advised that student-athletes who suffer sustained injuries remain involved with their respective sports, adding that their scholarships will still be honored while enjoying the same benefits and access to services.

## **4. New Business**

President Mark B. Rosenberg congratulated the student-athletes on their achievements, noting that the necessary components are in place to ensure sustained academic success.

Committee Chair Arrizurieta congratulated Mr. Garcia for his dynamic leadership, which has been instrumental in furthering fundraising efforts and obtaining exposure for the entire University. Committee Chair Arrizurieta noted that athletics is a critical component of the student experience and provides a venue for interaction with the University's growing alumni base and community. He stated that the Athletics Committee was poised to help promote and raise awareness in the community for all the sports teams in the Intercollegiate Athletics Program.

Committee Chair Arrizurieta noted that through external outreach the Board of Trustees Athletics Committee can be of great service to the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, adding that a

coordinated effort was necessary in order to work with a variety of constituents to obtain financial support, marketing and building affinity within the community. A motion was made and passed that the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics develop a comprehensive plan that details specific action and steps that the membership of the Board of Trustees Athletics Committee can take to support FIU Athletics. Mr. Garcia noted that a far-reaching education approach which properly raises awareness on compliance issues is a critical component as the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics continues on its positive trajectory.

#### **5. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

With no other business, Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Athletics Committee**

June 6, 2012

**Subject: Discussion/Information Items**

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**Proposed Committee Action:**

None. For discussion and information purposes only.

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Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia will provide an Athletics Overview, discuss the Conference Realignment, and introduce three new Head Coaches and one student-athlete. Senior Associate Athletic Director of Finance Alex Duque will provide the Financial Update. Senior Associate Athletic Director of Development Lori-Ann Cox, Assistant Athletic Director of Facilities and Operations Wesley Hardin, and Associate Athletic Director of External Operations Shawn Thorimbert will discuss revenue generating opportunities. Director of the Student-Athlete Academic Center Philip Moses will provide an update on the Student-Athlete Academic Center.

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**Supporting Documentation:** N/A

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