



## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 29, 2012  
12:00 pm *approximate start time*  
Florida International University  
Modesto A. Maidique Campus  
Graham Center Ballrooms

### **Committee Membership:**

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*; Marcelo Claire, *Vice Chair*; Sukrit Agrawal; Robert T. Barlick, Jr.; Mayi de la Vega; Laura Fariñas; C. Delano Gray

### **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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| 1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks                 | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |
| 2. Approval of Minutes                               | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |
| 3. Discussion Items ( <i>No Action Required</i> )    |                      |
| 3.1 Athletics  | Pete Garcia          |
| 3.1.1 Overview                                       |                      |
| 3.1.2 Introduction of Head Coach and Student Athlete |                      |
| 3.2 Athletics Initiative – Physical Therapy Services | Julie Berg           |
| 3.3 Student-Athlete Academic Center Update           | Phillip Moses        |
| 4. New Business ( <i>If Any</i> )                    | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |
| 5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment                | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |

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

November 29, 2012

**Subject: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on June 6, 2012**

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**Proposed Committee Action:**

Approval of Minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

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**Background Information:**

Committee members will review and approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

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**Supporting Documentation:** Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2012

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

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**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
June 6, 2012**

**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 2:30 pm on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

The following attendance was recorded:

***Present***

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*  
Marcelo Claure, *Vice Chair*  
Robert T. Barlick, Jr.  
Thomas A. Breslin  
Laura Fariñas  
Michael R. Mendez, *FIU Foundation Board of Directors*  
Mitchell R. Less, *President's Council*

***Excused***

Sukrit Agrawal  
Mayi de la Vega

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 Robert T. Barlick, Jr. and recently elected Student Government President for the Modesto A. Maidique Campus Laura Fariñas, and thanked them for agreeing to serve on the Committee. Committee Chair Arrizurieta also recognized FIU Foundation Board of Directors member Michael R. Mendez and President's Council member Mitchell R. Less, and thanked them for their continued service.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Arrizurieta asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 22, 2011, Athletics Committee meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on November 22, 2011.

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

#### **3.1.1 Athletics Overview**

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia presented the Athletics Overview, reporting on recent news within the Athletics Department. He stated he was pleased to note that the Track and Field – 4x100 meter relay team was recently ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in the country and qualified for the upcoming 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in Iowa. He also noted that earlier in May, junior Lakeisha Kelley, who is part of the 4x100 meter relay team took top honors in the women’s 400 meter dash at the 2012 Sun Belt Conference Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Championships earlier in May. Mr. Garcia added that after earning a second-place finish in the 2012 Sun Belt Conference Championship, FIU Senior Katie Mundy capped an exceptional career with Panthers Golf by finishing tied for 46<sup>th</sup> place at the NCAA East Regional.

Mr. Garcia introduced MCM Corporation President Jorge Munilla, who provided an update on the progress of the expansion of the Alfonso Field at FIU Stadium. Mr. Munilla stated that MCM was working diligently to ensure that the third phase of construction, which would close in the north side of the stadium, would be completed in time for the first football home game of the 2012 season on September 8, 2012.

#### **3.1.2 Conference Realignment**

Mr. Garcia reported that Florida International University had accepted an all-sports invitation to join Conference USA, effective July 1, 2013. He noted that the increased exposure through Conference USA will also create further awareness of FIU’s ground-breaking research, academic programs and service to the community.

#### **3.1.3 Introduction of Head Coaches and Student Athlete**

Mr. Garcia introduced Head Coach of the new Sand Volleyball program Rita Buck-Crockett, noting that she brings significant experience to the program as a two-time Olympian with over 30 years of professional experience as both a player and a coach, and as a recent 2011 Volleyball Hall of Fame inductee. Coach Buck-Crockett addressed the Committee and stated that she looked forward to the opportunity of building a new program and leading the Sand Volleyball team to a successful season in Spring 2013.

Mr. Garcia then introduced Trevor Theroulde, recently named Head Coach for the Women’s Volleyball program, noting that he was the program’s top assistant during the past four seasons and possesses a wealth of collegiate and international experience. Coach Theroulde provided brief remarks, stating that he was eager to utilize his coaching and academic experience to continue to build on the strong foundation of an already successful program, in order to guide the program to even higher levels of success.

Recently hired Head Coach for Men’s Basketball Richard Pitino was also introduced to the Committee by Mr. Garcia, who noted that Coach Pitino is one of the top up and coming coaching talents in the nation with experience in programs such as the University of Louisville and University of Florida. Coach Pitino addressed the Committee and shared his vision and aspirations for the upcoming season.

Mr. Garcia introduced Freshman Johanna Gustafsdottir who won three individual Swimming and Diving Sun Belt titles. Mr. Garcia stated that among her many accomplishments as a swimmer, Ms. Gustafsdottir was named Mid-Major All-American by *CollegeSwimming.com*, competed in the 2012 NCAA Championships,

and represented her native country Iceland at the European Championships in Belgium in May. Ms. Gustafsdottir thanked Coach Randy Horner for the opportunity to pursue a quality education that has also allowed her to reconnect with her passion for the sport of swimming.

### **3.2. Financial Update**

Senior Associate Athletic Director Alex Duque provided financial highlights and a fundraising update, noting that unfavorable fundraising variances are primarily driven by the timing on donations versus the budget. He added that the Athletics Finance Corporation year-to-date net income before debt service and excluding gain/loss on investments was favorable to the annual budget.

### **3.3. Revenue Generating Opportunities**

Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development Lori-Ann Cox, Assistant Athletic Director of Facilities and Operations Wesley Hardin and Associate Athletic Director of External Operations Shawn Thorimbert presented revenue generating opportunities. Senior Associate AD Cox stated that in response to the motion made and passed at the November 2011 Athletics Committee meeting on how the Committee could lend support to FIU Athletics, she noted that many options exist in the form of hosting fundraising initiatives, naming opportunities at the FIU Stadium, and through ticket sales for athletic events. She also noted that she would be pleased to work with Trustees on an individual basis to identify members of the community that may have an interest in lending support to any of the Athletics programs.

Assistant Athletic Director of Facilities and Operations Wesley Hardin noted that another source of revenue stream existed through the rental of facilities at the Modesto A. Maidique campus, such as the FIU Stadium Club and the U.S. Century Bank Arena, to outside entities for social gatherings and corporate events as well as sporting events. He added that the Athletics Department was undertaking a dedicated effort to increase the awareness of facilities rental availability to the South Florida community.

Associate Athletic Director of External Operations Shawn Thorimbert discussed opportunities for corporate sponsorships and for bringing additional needed revenue into Intercollegiate Athletics programs. He stated that with the steady solidification of athletics programs and student-athlete talent, in addition to increased opportunities for national recognition through added media coverage, investing in Intercollegiate Athletics would be a mutually beneficial partnership for corporate sponsors as well as the University as a whole.

### **3.4 Student-Athlete Academic Center Update**

Mr. Garcia introduced Phillip Moses, Director for the Student-Athlete Academic Center, who joined the Intercollegiate Athletics department in January 2012. Director Moses provided an overview of the mission and vision of Student-Athlete Academic Center, discussing the resources currently in place as well as the Center's goals for delivering the best quality of service to current student-athletes. Director Moses stated that the Center would continue to strengthen inter-university relationships, improve on tutorial services and technology resources, and increase efforts to maintain continued compliance of NCAA objectives in order to prepare student-athletes for academic success.

Committee Chair Arrizurieta requested a status update from Director Moses at the next regularly scheduled Athletics Committee Meeting.

#### 4. New Business

*No new business was raised.*

#### 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 Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 3:47 p.m.

<b><i>Trustee Request</i></b>	<b><i>Follow-up</i></b>	<b><i>Completion Date</i></b>
<i>Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta requested a status update from Director for the Student-Athlete Academic Center Philip Moses at the next regularly scheduled Athletics Committee Meeting.</i>	<i>Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia</i>	<i>November 2012</i>

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Athletics Committee**  
November 29, 2012

**Subject: Discussion/Information Items**

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**Proposed Committee Action:**

None. For discussion and information purposes only.

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**Background Information:**

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia will provide an Athletics Overview and introduce one Head Coach and one student-athlete. Senior Associate Athletic Director Julie Berg will lead the discussion on the Athletics Initiative – Physical Therapy Services. Director of the Student-Athlete Academic Center Philip Moses will provide an update.

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**Supporting Documentation:**

Letter from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America, July 25, 2012

2005-2006 Federal Graduation Rate, as Reported by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, October 25, 2012

**Facilitator/Presenter:**

Pete Garcia  
Julie Berg  
Philip Moses

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College Swimming Coaches Association of America  
*THE OLDEST ORGANIZATION OF COLLEGE COACHES IN AMERICA*

SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA PROGRAM

July 25, 2012

Mr. Peter Garcia  
FIU Athletics-11200 Sw 8th St  
Miami, FL 33199

Dear Mr. Garcia,

On behalf of the College Swimming Coaches Association of America, I'm proud to announce Florida International University Women's Swimming and Diving has achieved Scholar All American status, for the Spring 2012 semester.

The College Swimming Coaches Association of America presents the Team Scholar All American award to college and university swimming and diving teams who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Based on your team's cumulative grade point average, for the spring semester, Florida International University Women's Swimming and Diving has earned CSCAA Team Scholar All American Honors. A complete listing of all institutions who have achieved this honor can be found on the CSCAA website ([www.cscaa.org](http://www.cscaa.org)).

Congratulations to your student-athletes for their academic achievements during the Spring 2012 semester.

Sincerely,

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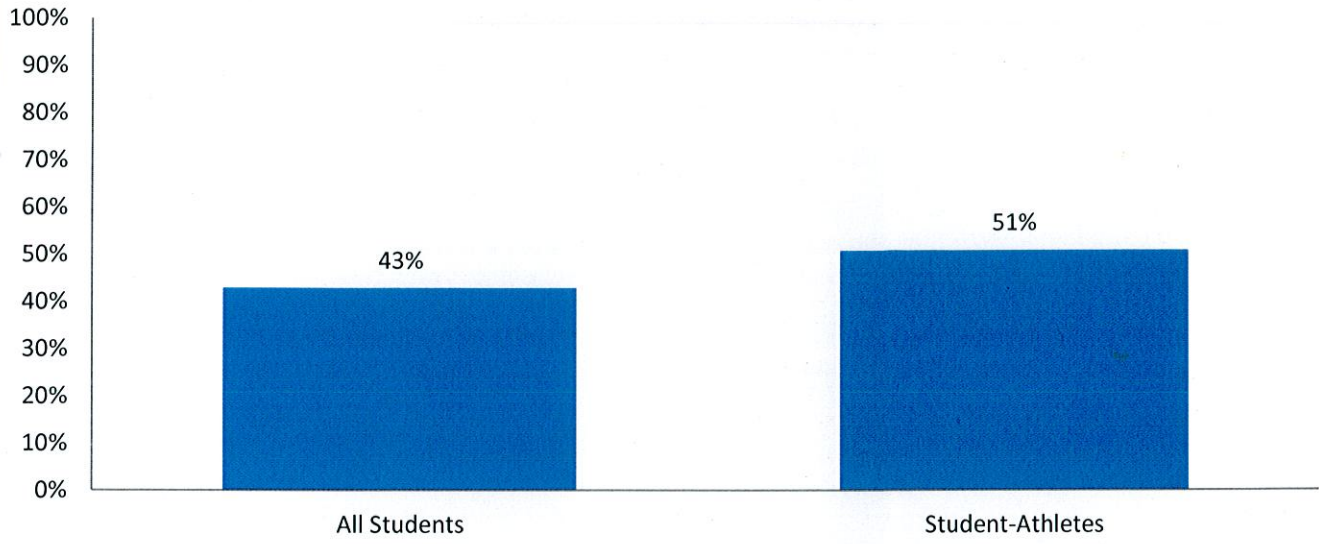
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**2005-2006 Federal Graduation Rate  
(Reported by NCAA Oct 25, 2012)**



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