



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

Friday, February 28, 2014

8:30 am

Florida International University
Modesto A. Maidique Campus
MARC International Pavilion

Committee Membership:

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*; Marcelo Claure, *Vice Chair*; Sukrit Agrawal; Mayi de la Vega; C. Delano Gray;
Liane M. Sippin

Liaisons:

Michael R. Mendez, *Foundation Board of Directors*; Mitchell R. Less, *President's Council*;
Manny Miranda, *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 / Information Items (<i>No Action Required</i>) | |
| 3.1 Athletics Compliance Update | Pete Garcia / Compliance |
| 3.2 Student Athlete Academic Center Update | Douglas L. Robertson |
| 4. New Business | |
| 4.1 Billing for Rehabilitation Services | Julie Berg |
| 5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |

THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Athletics Committee
February 28, 2014

Subject: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on June 5, 2013

Proposed Committee Action:

Approval of Minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

Background Information:

Committee members will review and approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

Supporting Documentation: Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes: June 5, 2013

Facilitator/Presenter: Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 5, 2013**

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 8:41 am on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*
Marcelo Claure, *Vice Chair*
Sukrit Agrawal
Robert T. Barlick, Jr.
C. Delano Gray
Michael R. Mendez, *FIU Foundation Board of Directors*
Mitchell R. Less, *President's Council*
Manny Miranda, *President's Council*

Excused

Mayi de la Vega
Liane M. Sippin

Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta welcomed all Trustees, faculty, staff and students to the meeting. Committee Chair Arrizurieta 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 as liaisons to the Committee. Committee Chair Arrizurieta also welcomed Manny Miranda, and thanked him for agreeing to serve on the Committee as a representative of the President's Council.

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Arrizurieta asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the November 29, 2012, Athletics Committee meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, November 29, 2012.

3. Discussion 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 reported that the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics attended their last Sun Belt Conference annual meeting, an event which honors the academic and athletic achievements of its schools and student-athletes. Mr. Garcia noted that FIU junior Jerica Coley received the Female Student-Athlete of the Year Award, in addition to leading the nation in scoring for the Women's Basketball program. Mr. Garcia also noted that as a result of the improvement in graduation rates for student-athletes, the University received the Sun Belt Conference Class of 2012-13 Graduation Achievement award. He stated that this achievement was a result of the University's commitment to the academic success of student-athletes and thanked President Rosenberg, the administration, faculty, and staff for their support.

Mr. Garcia also stated that he was pleased to note that Women's Golf enjoyed an impressive season, adding that the team earned the title of Sun Belt Conference Champions for 2013. He noted that the team was also selected to participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) East Regional competition. He further noted that all five of the team's starting players were selected to the All-Sun Belt Conference team, the first-ever occurrence in conference history. Additionally, he stated that player Meghan MacLaren was named Sun Belt Freshman of the Year, and Coach Joe Vogel received the Sun Belt Coach of the Year award.

Mr. Garcia reported on the results of Sand Volleyball's first season of competition, stating that the team finished 8th in the nation. He noted that the program's top-two pairs – Jessica Mendoza and Maryna Samoday; and Kate Stepanova and Ksenia Sukhareva – were selected to participate in the 2013 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Collegiate Sand Volleyball Championship. He further stated that the AVCA named Senior Kate Stepanova as Collegiate Sand Volleyball All-American. Mr. Garcia noted that FIU's Swimming & Diving Team was again recognized by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America as a Scholar All-America Team, having achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.15 in the fall 2012 semester. He further stated that seven student-athletes were named to the Sun Belt Conference 2013 Swimming & Diving First-Team and that Swimming & Diving Coach Rio Ramirez received Diving Coach of the Year Award.

Mr. Garcia stated that the University's affiliation with the Sun Belt Conference was coming to a close and thanked the Conference for their support. He added that the move to Conference USA beginning in July 2013 would provide greater opportunities for the University's student-athletes and would also promote awareness of FIU's ground-breaking research, academic programs and service to the community.

Mr. Garcia added that the U.S. Century Bank Arena and Football Stadium on the University's Modesto A. Maidique Campus were being utilized to host events from various constituents throughout the community and abroad, and was pleased to note that Doctor's Hospital of Baptist Health South recently held a successful event at the U.S. Century Bank Arena.

Mr. Garcia stated that among the renovations recently made to the U.S. Century Bank Arena, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics initiated a new theme which will be utilized for athletic events moving forward. He noted that the "Beach" theme, which would assist in recruiting student-athletes and help generate excitement for athletic events at the University, included the resurfacing of the U.S. Century Bank Arena court with an image of sand, surf and palm trees. Mr. Garcia noted that this renovation has ranked the University's court as the eighth most unique field in sports. Committee Chair Arrizurieta

congratulated the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics on the initiative, stating that the theme is an original way to showcase the University's commitment to athletics.

3.1.2 Introduction of Head Coaches

Mr. Garcia introduced Football Head Coach Ron Turner, who joined the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in January 2013. Coach Turner provided brief remarks, stating that he was pleased to return to coaching at the collegiate level after 12 seasons in the National Football League. He noted that he was honored to represent the University as coach of the football program, and looked forward to helping students succeed by encouraging leadership, mentorship, and responsibility to academic and athletic success.

Mr. Garcia then introduced Head Coach Anthony Evans, who was selected to join Intercollegiate Athletics in April 2013 after a national search for the eighth coach of the Men's Basketball program. Coach Evans provided remarks, noting that he was excited to become a part of the FIU community. He stated that he desired to help create an environment of consistency and accountability among student-athletes in the basketball program, and said that he would continue to build on the foundation set by previous Head Coach Richard Pitino.

3.2 Athletics Initiative – Physical Therapy Services Update

Committee Chair Arrizurieta requested that the Athletics Initiative – Physical Therapy Services Update be provided at the next scheduled meeting of the Athletics Committee. There were no objections.

3.3 Student-Athlete Academic Center Update

Director for the Student-Athlete Academic Center (SAAC) Phillip A. Moses provided an update on the Student-Athlete Academic Center. He reported on updates to academic eligibility requirements adopted by the University as well as for the NCAA, and provided statistics on student-athlete academic performance for the 2012-13 academic year, noting that of the 414 student-athletes enrolled during 2012-13, 207 earned term grade point averages (GPAs) of over 3.0.

He stated that an assessment of GPA scores of student-athletes showed that Men's Basketball and Football programs required special attention, and noted that the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics was working closely with the newly hired Head Coaches of these teams to design a plan of action that would provide student-athletes with the support and resources needed for academic success. Director Moses further noted that SAAC would continue to strengthen communication between all coaches, SAAC advisors and tutors, and key University departments in order to meet the Center's programming goal of increasing academic accountability.

A discussion regarding student-athletic academic eligibility and graduation rates of student-athletes among board members and university administrators then occurred. Trustee Robert T. Barlick, Jr. requested quantitative metrics on long-term graduation rates by sport program, and how the University compares to benchmark institutions, as well as institutions with Conference USA. Committee Chair Arrizurieta agreed that the request made by Trustee Barlick would be a meaningful way to track the progress of eligibility and graduation rates of student-athletes.

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 5, 2013 at 9:47 a.m.

<i>Trustee Request</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
<i>As a follow-up to the Student-Athlete Academic Center Update, Trustee Robert T. Barlick, Jr. requested quantitative metrics on long-term graduation rates by sport program, how the University compares to benchmark institutions, and how the University compares to institutions within Conference USA.</i>	<i>Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia</i>	

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