

APPROVED
September 5, 2018



**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 27, 2018**

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 Justo L. Pozo at 10:11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Student Academic Success Center, Room 100.

Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo welcomed all Trustees, faculty, staff and students to the meeting.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Athletics Committee members and verified a quorum. Present were Justo L. Pozo, *Chair*; Leonard Board; Krista M. Schmidt; Rogelio Tovar; and Kathleen L. Wilson.

Board Chair Claudia Puig, Trustees Cesar L. Alvarez, Dean C. Colson, Gerald G. Grant, Jr., Natasha Lowell, and Marc D. Sarnoff, and University President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Pozo asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2017. A motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Friday, March 3, 2017.

3. Action Item

AT1. Naming of the FIU Baseball Stadium as the "Infinity Insurance Park"

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia presented the Naming of the FIU Baseball Stadium as the "Infinity Insurance Park" for Committee review, noting that the gift of the naming right is a total of \$300,000 and is for five years. He indicated that, after the five years covered under the naming rights, the donor has a right of first refusal to renew the stadium naming. (Such right is in accordance with the terms of the gift agreement.)

In response to Trustee Kathleen L. Wilson's inquiry, Senior Vice President of University Advancement and CEO of the FIU Foundation Howard R. Lipman, stated that there are suggested

amounts for naming of different facilities. He added that the University's Donative Naming Policy stipulates that the appropriate minimum gift level will be calculated based on a variety of factors that includes market benchmarks.

A motion was made and passed that the FIU Board of Trustees Athletics Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the FIU Baseball Stadium as the "Infinity Insurance Park," in accordance with the gift agreement related thereto and the University's and the FIU Foundation, Inc.'s Donative Naming Policy.

Trustee Kathleen L. Wilson voted against the motion.

4. Discussion / Information Items

4.1 Academic and APR Report

Mr. Garcia provided an update on student athlete academic achievements, noting that a total of 23 student athletes earned over a 4.0 GPA, 177 student athletes achieved Dean's list honors, and 279 student athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or higher. He mentioned that the women's tennis team and men's soccer team had the highest GPA's for their respective sports. Mr. Garcia reported that FIU men's basketball multi-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) is 974, adding that this is the highest rate for the team in the history of the APR program. Mr. Garcia stated that over the past three years, not one student athlete from the men's basketball team has lost an APR eligibility point. He reported that the single year APR in Football for 2016-2017 was 964, indicating that this is the highest score posted by the football team within the past decade. He indicated that a total of eight University teams in the last year have achieved perfect APR scores.

In response to Trustee Leonard Boord's inquiry, Mr. Garcia stated that the APR was introduced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Mr. Garcia noted that the APR measures academic progress and accounts for student-athlete eligibility and retention. He added that a perfect APR score is 1,000 and that if a team falls below a 930 APR score, there is a progression of penalties for teams that under-perform academically.

In response to Trustee Boord's inquiry regarding APR calculations, Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth M. Bejar stated that under the NCAA, every student-athlete has five years to complete four years of athletic eligibility and must complete 20% of their degree each year.

4.2 Athletics Update

Mr. Garcia presented the Athletics update, reporting that last season, the FIU women's tennis program had its most successful season in 15 years. Mr. Garcia added that the women's tennis team won 21 matches, including 19 straight wins, and recorded a winning percentage of .913, the highest in school history. He noted that FIU advanced to the Conference USA Championship match against Rice University in Houston Texas and finished the season ranked number 42 in the final Oracle/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings.

Women's Tennis Head Coach Katarina Petrovic recognized the team's dedication and hard work and introduced members of the team that were present. FIU senior Andrea Lazaro discussed the team's achievements as they balance their rigorous athletic commitment with their coursework and other extracurricular activities.

Mr. Garcia presented an overview of the accomplishments of various teams. He reported that the FIU men's soccer team finished their regular season undefeated, adding that they were ranked eighth in the nation. He presented men's soccer head coach Kevin Nylen with an award from the NCAA for the most goals per game of any team in Division I. Coach Nylen discussed the team's accomplishments.

Mr. Garcia acknowledged student-athletes with a 4.0 GPA.

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Kenneth A. Jessell reported that the FIU swimming and diving team won its fourth straight Conference USA (C-USA) Swimming and Diving Championship. He added that Head Coach Randy Horner was voted C-USA Swimming Coach of the Year, his fourth straight award.

VP Jessell commended Coach Randy Horner and the swimmers' and divers' hard work, commitment, and dedication.

4.3 Facilities Report

Mr. Garcia noted that baseball stadium upgrades have been completed and that it includes the only collegiate indoor hitting facility in South Florida, which will allow student-athletes to practice even in inclement weather. He reported that the improvements to the Riccardo Silva Stadium also have been completed.

Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo requested for the next Athletics Committee meeting, an APR benchmark analysis, which encompasses historical data, current averages, and trends.

5. Report

5.1 Van Wagner Sports and Entertainment Update

Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo requested that the Van Wagner Report be accepted as written. There were no objections.

6. New Business

Mr. Garcia noted that the student-athletes personal health insurance plan will be utilized for billing purposes when rehabilitation services are rendered by FIU trainers.

7. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Committee Chair Justo L. Pozo adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 10:53 a.m.

<i>Trustee Request</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
<i>1. Board Chair Justo L. Pozo requested for the next Athletics Committee meeting, an APR benchmark analysis, which encompasses historical data, current averages, and trends.</i>	<i>Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment, Pete Garcia</i>	<i>Next regularly scheduled committee meeting</i>

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