



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 10, 2015

8:15 am

Florida International University
Modesto A. Maidique Campus
Graham Center Ballrooms

Committee Membership:

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*; Justo L. Pozo, *Vice Chair*; Leonard Boord; Alexis Calatayud; Mayi de la Vega; Kathleen L. Wilson

Liaisons:

Mitchell R. Less, *President's Council*; Michael R. Mendez, *Foundation Board of Directors*; 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 Update | Pete Garcia |
| 3.2 Athletics Compliance Update | Jessica Reo |
| 3.3 Student Athlete Professional Development | Liz Augustin |
| 3.4 Billing for Rehabilitation Services | Julie Berg |
| 3.5 Van Wagner Sports and Entertainment | Robert Staub |
| 4. New Business (<i>If Any</i>) | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |
| 5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |

Approval of Minutes

Athletics Committee Meeting

Date: September 10, 2015

Subject: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held March 26, 2015

Proposed Committee Action:

Approval of Minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 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 Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 26, 2015

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 a.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*
 Sukrit Agrawal
 Alexis Calatayud
 Mayi de la Vega (*Telephonically*)
 Justo L. Pozo
 Kathleen L. Wilson

Excused

Marcelo Claure, *Vice Chair*

Trustee Natasha Lowell and University President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta welcomed all Trustees, faculty, staff and students to the meeting. Committee Chair Arrizurieta recognized President's Council members Mitchell R. Less and Manny Miranda, and thanked them for their continued service as liaisons to the Committee.

Committee Chair also welcomed Trustees Natasha Lowell and Justo L. Pozo, noting that both were appointed by the Florida Board of Governors to the FIU Board of Trustees for five-year terms beginning March 19, 2015.

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Arrizurieta asked that the Committee approve the Minutes of the meetings held on February 28, 2014 and September 10, 2014. A motion was made and passed to approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee meetings held on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion and on Wednesday September 10, 2014 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center Ballrooms.

3. Discussion Items

3.1 Swimming and Diving – Conference USA Champions

Senior Vice President of Administration and Chief Financial Officer, Kenneth A. Jessell, presented a report on the Swimming and Diving team's historic conference championship victory. He noted that this was the first conference championship for the FIU women's swim team as well as the first Conference USA (C-USA) winners for any team for FIU. He highlighted the various achievements of the team during the highly competitive swimming championship meets. He also reported on the team's academic achievements, stating that the overall cumulative GPA for the team was 3.17.

Sr. VP and CFO Jessell recognized the dedicated efforts of Swimming and Diving Head Coach Randy Horner and members of the coaching and support staff. Head Coach Horner introduced the team members in attendance, noting that the team's roster boasted great diversity with at least 12 separate countries represented.

Committee Chair Arrizurieta noted that the victory is a testament to the team's dedication and the hard work and leadership of Coach Horner, and the coaching staff.

3.2 Athletics Update

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia presented the Athletics Update. He reported that FIU entered into a new \$2.6M agreement with Adidas, which he noted was twice as much as the prior agreement. He also reported that FIU signed a new six year agreement with the Orange Bowl Committee that is expected to generate \$150,000 in revenue over the total six years.

Mr. Garcia reported that the 2015 Baseball Diamond Dinner boasted record attendance. He also presented highlights and key achievements of Women's teams sports, noting that Golf, Tennis and Sand Volleyball teams all completed successful seasons. He stated that the Sand Volleyball team was the fourth ranked team in the country. He introduced Women's Golf team Head Coach, Joe Vogel, who provided brief remarks, noting that the team record was having a great season on the course and has an overall cumulative GPA of 3.76 in the classroom.

3.3 Athletics Compliance Update

Associate Athletic Director for Compliance, Robert Harrawood, presented the Athletics Compliance Update, noting that the main areas of focus have been monitoring more practices, key legislative areas and the academic credentials for incoming athletes. He added that the department continues to aggressively move forward in ensuring compliance using various methods such as meeting with Student Athletes and their families as it pertains to agents, as well as working with other departments within the University such as the President's Office, General Counsel, and the University Compliance Officer, Karyn Boston.

Committee Chair Arrizurieta commended and thanked Mr. Harrawood and the Compliance staff as well the University leadership for promoting an atmosphere of compliance within the University.

3.4 Academic Progress Rate Report

Consultant John B. Shukie provided an overview on the Academic Progress Rate (APR) report, noting that FIU student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom, which he noted was evident in the 2013-14 academic year reflecting the highest ever APR scores. He discussed the successes of FIU's football and basketball teams, adding that FIU's APR scores have continually improved over the past four years. He indicated that FIU continues to take a proactive and University-wide approach to academic success that encompasses faculty involvement and increased student-athlete community engagement.

Mr. Shukie also discussed the integration of internships for student athletes.

Mr. Garcia explained the importance of internships in assisting student-athletes in not only securing a job upon graduation, but also providing real world exposure prior to graduation. Mr. Garcia noted that student-athletes are encouraged to pursue internships early on in their academic careers as this would provide more time to explore career choices. He explained that the internship requirement was determined based on the majors of the individual student-athletes. He mentioned that FIU was the number one producer of jobs in the state of Florida and second in the State in terms of starting salaries compared to other state universities.

Vice President for Student Affairs, Larry Lunsford, provided a brief overview of the career fairs held on FIU's Modesto A. Maidique and Biscayne Bay campuses in the fall and spring semesters. He noted that on the Modesto A. Maidique Campus alone, FIU regularly introduces over 80 employers to nearly 1,500 students and alumni and added that employers comprise private industry; public, educational, and non-profit organizations; local government, federal government, law enforcement, and military.

President's Council Member Mitch Less recommended that the University consider inviting business and industry leaders within the community, to not only meet with student athletes, but to also assist in providing internship opportunities.

Trustee Alexis Calatayud inquired on the percentage of student-athletes that enter jobs upon graduation.

3.5 Student Athlete Academic Center Update

This Item was deferred to the next regularly scheduled Athletics Committee Meeting.

3.6 Billing for Rehabilitation Services

This Item was deferred to the next regularly scheduled Athletics Committee Meeting.

4. New Business

No new business was raised.

5. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Committee Chair Arrizurieta discussed highlights of academic achievement for Fall 2014, noting that 34 student-athletes achieved a 4.0 term GPA, 175 achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher, 135 earned Deans List honors for 3.5 or higher term GPA, and 36 students achieved 3.75 or higher cumulative GPA.

With no other business, Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee on March 26, 2015 at 9:54 a.m.

<i>Trustee Requests</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
<i>1. Trustee Alexis Calatayud inquired on the percentage of student-athletes that enter jobs after graduation.</i>	<i>Consultant John Shukie</i>	<i>Fall 2015</i>