



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

8:15 am

Florida International University
Modesto A. Maidique Campus
Graham Center Ballrooms

Committee Membership:

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*; Marcelo Claire, *Vice Chair*; Sukrit Agrawal; Alexis Calatayud; Mayi de la Vega; Kathleen L. Wilson

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 Update | Pete Garcia |
| 3.2 Athletics Compliance Update | Robert Harrawood |
| 3.3 Academic Progress Rate Report | John Shukie |
| 3.4 Student Athlete Academic Center Update | Elizabeth Bejar
Wesley Maas |
| 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
September 10, 2014

Subject: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on February 28, 2014

Proposed Committee Action:

Approval of Minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

Background Information:

Committee members will review and approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

Supporting Documentation: Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes: February 28, 2014

Facilitator/Presenter: Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta

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**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2014**

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 8:39 am on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*
Sukrit Agrawal (*participated telephonically*)
Mayi de la Vega
C. Delano Gray
Liane M. Sippin

Excused

Marcelo Claire, *Vice Chair*

Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta welcomed all Trustees, faculty, staff and students to the meeting. Committee Chair Arrizurieta recognized President's Council member Mitchell R. Less, and thanked him for his continued service as a liaison to the Committee.

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Arrizurieta asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 5, 2013 Athletics Committee meeting. He requested that the Minutes be amended to list the Director for the Student-Athlete Academic Center under the follow-up column for the Trustee Request. A motion was made and passed to approve the amended minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013.

3. Discussion/Information Items

3.1. Athletics Compliance Update

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia presented brief Athletics highlights, reporting on recent news within the Athletics Department. He reported that Panthers women's basketball senior point guard Jerica Coley finished her career as the Panthers' all-time leading scorer and fifth on the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Division I women's career

scoring list with 3,107 career points. He added that for the 2013-2014 season, as of February 27th the two-time All-American currently is leading the conference and is tied for first in the nation in scoring (29.6 ppg), Coley sits atop the FIU career charts for scoring average (23.5 ppg) and her career point total of 2,934 also ranks first in program history. Mr. Garcia introduced student athlete Aramis Garcia, noting that as a Freshman Aramis placed on the 2011-12 Sun Belt Conference's Commissioners Honor Roll for having a 3.5 GPA or higher. He indicated that as of February 27th Aramis currently ranks third in Conference USA in batting average and as a Sophomore was one of 15 semifinalists nationwide for the 2013 Johnny Bench Award that honors the most deserving Division I catcher in a given season. Aramis provided brief remarks, expressing his appreciation of the academic opportunities available to him and the support of the athletics program.

Mr. Garcia stated that the University is committed to operating an athletics program that is in full compliance with NCAA rules and regulations and Conference standards. He introduced the newly-appointed Associate Athletics Director for NCAA Compliance/University Athletic Compliance Robert (Hank) Harrawood. Mr. Harrawood delineated objectives that involve education/training and monitoring in order to establish a system of checks and balances that assist the department and the University in exercising institutional control over the athletics program. He noted that dedicated efforts will be directed toward following the spirit of NCAA rules and a commitment to them that extend beyond simply just being in compliance.

Trustees inquired as to the administrative reporting structure for Athletics Compliance and a discussion followed. Mr. Harrawood indicated that the NCAA does not recommend a best-practices model for compliance reporting structures at member institutions. He added that his role in the Athletics Compliance Office has a direct reporting line to the Athletics Director. He noted that in an effort to foster an institutional culture of compliance, an additional external and direct reporting framework outside of the Department of Athletics has been established with the University's President Office and General Counsel. University General Counsel Kristina Raattama stated that as the structure and complexity of college athletics continues to evolve, the University recognizes the importance of maintaining integrity and that at FIU this model should best serve our compliance objectives. President Mark B. Rosenberg stated that it is the University President that has the ultimate responsibility and final authority over the athletics program. President Rosenberg indicated that the current administrative reporting structure implements the appropriate range of institutional controls needed to ensure the integrity of the University's Athletics Compliance Office.

Mr. Garcia noted that the University retained the services of Mr. John Shukie of Forward Progress Athletics Consulting who specializes in providing guidance to Universities on best practices and model programs that have been successful in the improvement of the Academic Progress Rate (APR). Mr. Shukie indicated that he assists the University in addressing issues and developing policies that will create sustainable APR improvement.

Mr. Garcia introduced Mr. Christopher D. Schoemann, Compliance Consultant for Bond Schoeneck & King PLLC, noting that the practice has extensive expertise in the representation of colleges and universities in NCAA rules compliance, eligibility, and infractions matters. Committee members inquired as to the University's self-audit process. Mr. Schoemann noted that the University has effective monitoring systems in place but added that in a complex environment such as

intercollegiate athletics, there are times when additional resources are needed and strategies must be implemented to strengthen the systems in order to meet the rising challenges.

3.2 Student Athlete Academic Center Update

Dean of Undergraduate Education Douglas L. Robertson provided an update on the University’s Student Athlete Academic Center (SAAC). He added that SAAC facilitates a comprehensive academic support program and serves the educational needs of over 400 current student-athletes. He noted that the investments of FIU’s national award winning Graduation Success Initiative (GSI) help to improve the academic success of University’s student-athletes as well as the general student body. He delineated key investments in academic advising, tutoring and study skills development that are delivering enhanced academic experiences for the University’s student-athletes. He indicated that GSI-like metrics are being developed for SAAC to include a suite of technological tools that will help foster success, remove barriers and provide support, when needed. He reported that SAAC will build upon past academic successes in order to overcome the challenges.

Dean Robertson introduced interim SAAC Director, Dr. Stephen Fain, Emeritus Founding Professor and most recent past faculty athletic representative. Dr. Fain stated that SAAC is committed to maintaining the highest level of integrity and will continue to focus on building skills sets necessary for successful student-athletes to adjust to the many transitions during the undergraduate experience that will also help to prepare for life after intercollegiate sports.

As a follow-up to Trustee Robert T. Barlick’s request, Committee Chair Arrizurieta requested that the Committee members receive an executive summary supporting the raw data on long-term graduation rates by sport program, and how the University compares to benchmark institutions, as well as institutions within Conference USA.

4. New Business

Committee Chair Arrizurieta requested that the Billing for Rehabilitation Services update be postponed to the next regularly scheduled Athletics Committee meeting. There were no objections.

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 Friday, February 28, 2014 at 10:10 a.m.

<i>Trustee Request</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
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