



**ANNUAL REPORT
2013-2014
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**

**University of North Alabama
Florence, Alabama**

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I. Executive Summary

The members of the Athletics Committee for the 2012-13 academic year were as follows:

II. Committee's Charge

1. Ensure the proper role of athletics within the overall mission of the university
2. Ensure the integrity of the athletics program with regard to NCAA, Gulf South

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Absent: Mr. Daryl Brown, Mrs. Debbie Williams, Mr. Austin Smith, Mrs. Doris McDaniel, Mr. Jenson Joiner, Mr. Walter Hartley

III. Approval of the Minutes for the November 7, 2013 Meeting

Mrs. Christa Raney made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ben Baker seconded. All present approved the minutes as presented.

IV. Minority Opportunity Committee Report

The Student Athlete Minority Mentoring Program was launched in November 2013. Mentors from the mentoring program are invited to attend the Minority Opportunity Committee meeting on February 11, 2014, to share ideas, experiences and gather information they have had with their mentee. Dr. Pat Roden stated that she had material and information regarding recommendations for mentor programs that she would share with the Minority Opportunity Committee members.

V. Gender Equity Committee Report

Mr. Mark Linder, Mrs. Debbie Williams, and Mrs. Peggy Wingo have met twice to review the Gender Equity Strategic Plan. The plan has been updated and will be reviewed by Gender Equity committee members in March 2014.

VI. Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Mark Linder stated that there are 3 projects to focus on in 2014.

- 2014 Football Schedule - Almost finalized
- The OVC presidents will meet on February 10, 2014. A packet with UNA information will be sent to OVC for the presidents to view at the meeting.
- The funding is secured for the UNA Athletics department weight room.

VII. New Business

The commissioner for the Gulf South Conference, Mr. Nathan Salant, has retired. The search for a new commissioner is in progress.

On November 23, 2013, the UNA football team played Tuskegee at Braly Stadium. The NCAA mandated that the UNA students be moved from the seating on the visitor's side to the home side of UNA. Mr. Mark Linder is in discussion with Dr. Bill Cale, UNA President, regarding this issue with the NCAA.

At the NCAA convention in January 2014 in San Diego, CA, a summer orientation bridge program was discussed. The program could be a leadership training program that would be beneficial to student-athletes prior to the start of the fall semester.

VIII. Adjourn

Dr. Pat Roden

The Gender Equity Committee will meet on Thursday, April 24, 2014.

VI. Athletic Director Report

- The Weight room is in progress of being built.
- In the near future, an Academic Resource Center for student athletes will be in the Self Field House.
- A brochure that was mailed to the OVC presidents in January 2014 was viewed by the Athletics Committee members. The brochure included the University of North Alabama Athletic Department strategic plan, timeline, geographic fit, academics, student athlete

Present: Mr. Daryl Brown, Mrs. Doris McDaniel, Dr. Lisa Clayton, Mr. David Shields, Mrs. Debbie Williams, Dr. Pat Roden, Dr. Miranda Bowie, Mr. Mark Linder, Mr. Todd Vardaman, Ms. Donna Tipps

Absent: Mrs. Lisa Burton, Mrs. Christa Raney, Mr. Ben Baker, Mr. Austin Smith, Mr. Jenson Joiner, Mr. Walter Hartley

III. Approval of the Minutes for the May 5, 2014 meeting.

Mr. Daryl Brown made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2014 meeting and Mrs. Doris McDaniel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. Minority Opportunity Committee Report

Mr. Daryl Brown and Mrs. Christa Raney had met before the Athletics Committee meeting to discuss the mentoring program. Some of the ideas were:

- A kickoff at the beginning of each semester with both the mentors and mentees
- A walking tour of the campus (group activity)
- Chart events
- Emails year round recruiting mentors
- Training session of the new software (replacing Angel) with both mentors and mentees

V. Gender Equity Committee Report

The Gender Equity Committee met on April 24, 2014. The Gender Equity Committee approved the updated Gender Equity Planning Guide.

VI. Athletics Director Report

Mr. Mark Linder proposed a plan to submit to the Strategic Planning and Budget Study Committee scheduled to meet in May 2014. The proposal is to fully fund scholarships at the NCAA Division II level. Dr. Pat Roden moved to endorse the proposal and Mrs. Doris McDaniel seconded the motion. The proposal was unanimously approved.

The OVC met in April 2014 to view the financial information for UNA.

VII. New Business

Dr. Miranda Bowie will be the chair for the Athletics Committee for 2014-15.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Daryl Brown made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Doris McDaniel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations this year?

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VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish?

A. In the coming year?

- a) The Committee will continue working with the Division I Work Group to ensure the University of North Alabama is DI ready.
- b) The Committee will work with the Gender Equity Subcommittee to institute

the welfare of the UNA student athletes; however, very few formal charges have been proposed or taken. In addition, student participation in committee meetings has increased in the past year; however, continues to be sporadic.