

University of North Alabama
Athletics Committee Minutes
November 9, 2023 at 1:00 PM
Pierce Hospitality Suite

In attendance: Dr. Lisa Clayton, Dr. Melanie Looser, Dr. Janae Lyde, Ms. Christa Raney, Dr. Jeff Ray, Dr. Marie Taylor, Mr. Evan Thornton, Ms. Anna Milwee, Dr. Scott Infanger, Ms. Minnette Ellis, Dr. KC White, Ms. Debbie Williams, Dr. Josh Looney

Not in attendance: Mr. Jacob Davis, Mr. Will Driver, Mr. EJ Powell, Ms. Corrie Dalrymple, Ms. Kate Hanbery, Ms. Laurie Holder

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- A new ASUN Commissioner, Mr. Jeff Bacon, was hired on July 1, 2023. The ASUN Commissioner search committee was chaired by President Kitts.

- A proposed softball rule, that would have moved conference series to 3 days (Fri-Sat-Sun), and result in an estimated 4 extra days of missed class & additional expenses (hotel, meals) failed; he saw this proposed change as negative for student-athletes and voted against it as the FAR.

-.An eligibility, retention, and graduation metric, APR (Academic Progress Rate) was 987 (out of 1000) for the 22-23 academic year, which exceeds the 985 incentive mark set by the NCAA (a score of 970 is more typical among peer institutions). This major accomplishment will result in a substantial financial award from the NCAA, which is earmarked for student-athlete academic support programs at UNA.

7. Old Business

The comprehensive mental wellness care that is available to student-athletes was reviewed at the September 8, 2023 meeting; all indications are that UNA follows best practices & meets/exceeds guidelines. No further comments were made or concerns expressed on this topic.

8. New Business

None.

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm