

MINUTES OF ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 1, 2022/via videoconference

Members Present

Steve Smith, Chairman

Steve Frye	Julie Baker	Jeff Roberts	John Smith
Kristine Craven	Isaac Cross	Gabriella Garcia	Robert Owens
Matt Smith	George Chitiyo	Alexandria Perry	
Tyce Henderson	Christy Killman		

Mark Wilson, Executive Officer

Members Absent

Mary McCaskey Michelle Huddleston Debra Bryant

Support Staff Present

Amanda Thatcher

Chairman Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Introductions were made and the meeting agenda and the minutes of the March 24, 2022 meeting were approved with a friendly amendment by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business – none.

New Business:

Missed Class Time Report

- Mark Wilson presented the missed class time report for Spring 2022, with reference to Spring 2021. Dr. Jeff Roberts asked why the baseball numbers were so different, and Mr. Wilson explain that it was due to the scheduling over the weekends. The report was adopted by unanimously.

NCAA Graduation Success Rate

- The NCAA GSR report was presented to the committee by Mark Wilson, who noted that this information was published and released to the public. Mr. Wilson explained how funding from the NCAA would soon be based on this and other academic reports. The report was accepted by the committee.

Budget Update

- Mr. Wilson noted that the Department of Athletics did not overspend in fiscal year 2021-22 and was able to put money into the R&R fund for future use on facilities. The University increased funding based on scholarship inflationary costs, specifically housing and meals, but there was a decrease in funds due to the student athletic fee. He stated that individual sport programs have received an increase in their travel budgets based on the increased costs of travel, and that Athletics had recently signed corporate partnerships with Food City and Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

Capital Projects

- Mr. Wilson updated the committee on upcoming capital projects, specifically baseball and softball. The fields will be redone with turf and will also be looking ahead to anticipate officials replay and the requirement of padded fences.
- A project that is currently being completed is the replacement of the lockers in the men’s and women’s locker room.
- The football stadium will be demolished after the 2023 season but will not be completed until the 2025 season. Mr. Wilson stated that he wasn’t sure what was going to happen during the 2024 season.
- The Football Operation Center has been disclosed and there will be an RFP which will assist in assessing a financial target to fundraise.
- Men’s and women’s golf is currently fundraising for a short game facility which will be at the Golden Eagle Golf Club.
- With Coach Bragga’s return, the priorities for baseball have shifted; Bragga has requested an expansion of the Hack Shack.

Other Such Matters

- Mr. Wilson reminded the committee about the Hall of Fame Dinner this Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the RUC.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.