University of Memphis
Faculty Athletic Committee
Minutes

Date: March 22, 2017

In attendance:

Lynda Black, Chair  Esra Ozdenerol
Jim Whelan  Jeff Wilson
Barbara Davis  Tom Banning
K.B. Turner  Barbara McClanahan
Thomas Hrach  David Romantz
Brennan Berg  Will Ritter, student

Non-voting:

Thomas Bowen  Zaneta Ivy
Mark Alnutt  Jean Rakow
Bob Baker  John Michael Ryall
Katie Woodruff

I.  4:00 pm – Meeting called to order - Lynda Black

II. Update from Tom Bowen
   a. NCAA Basketball Tournament Regionals in Memphis
   b. Graduation Success Rate (GSR) approximates 93% for the department
   c. NCAA Litigation Issues
      i. Cost of Attendance
      ii. Amateurism Men’s Football/Men’s Basketball

III. Mark Alnutt
    a. Department focusing on scholarship drive
    b. Blue and Grey Gala will be held on May 18, 2017 at the FedEx Event Center in Shelby Farms Park
    c. Diversity Subcommittee is looking at diversity among hires - using the NCAA diversity database.

IV. Bob Baker
   a. 4/24/2017 Special Graduation Ceremony in UC Ballroom for Student Athletes who cannot attend Commencement due to conflicts
   b. Katie Woodruff is working with student Athletes as the PAWS Coordinator
      i. March 2017 hosting a program that prepares athletes for careers after colleges: guest speakers, do’s and don’t’s, social media.
      ii. 4/10/2017 Career Night - Businesses Participating confirmed equal 22
      iii. Working with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee
iv. Working with students on community service
v. Professional Development – expanding the freshman leadership experience to 4-years

V. Announcements – Lynda Black
a. 3/23-24/2017 American Athletic Conference is sponsoring the Academic Consortium:
   Topics
   i. Student Wellness
   ii. Leadership
   iii. Rest and Recovery
   iv. Student Athlete Development
   v. Nutrition
   vi. Eating Disorders and Body Image
   vii. Mental Health
   viii. Psychosocial aspects of Sport
b. Addressing community perceptions that “Division I Athletics is a fraud.” FAC should be well versed in charges being levied against NCAA

VI. Access to Class Report
   i. Jim Whelan discussed committee report that discusses access to classes/programs for student athletes.
   ii. Summary – issues are not systemic and student athlete problems are handled individually with the assistance of CAAS.
   iii. Recommendation – establish systematic review process of class access issues for student athletes to ensure future accessibility.

VII. Next meeting: April 26, 2017

VIII. 5:00 pm Meeting adjourned – Lynda Black