

Committee on Athletics Minutes

MEETING DATE **FEBRUARY 06, 2025**
 MEETING TIME 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 LOCATION Zoom

Attendance

Members

Name	Role	Attendance
Deborah Merritt	Member	Present
David Rowntree	Member	Present
Nate Gronewold	Member	Present
Kelley Withy	Member	Absent
Francie Julien-Chinn	Member/COIA Rep	Present
Scott Sinnett	FAR Rep/ Voting member	Present
Brian Richardson	SEC liaison	Present

Guests

Name	Role	Time
None		

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Subject	Discussion/Information	Action / Strategy / Responsible Person
Call to Order	1.	The meeting was called to order by Chair Rowntree at 11:02 AM.
Review of Minutes	1. The draft February 06, 2025 COA minutes were sent electronically.	1. Motion by Scott to approve the minutes; seconded by Nate. Approved unanimously.
Chair's Report	1. David updated his request to Lois (acting AD): unavailable today, but will hold 4/3, and 5/1 "open". She may be asked by MFS to meet with the general Senate; if that works out then COA will not request a meeting.	1. Sent invitation by email
Action Items	1. Nate's meeting w/ Sports Journalism, contact on Star Advertiser staff is next week. 2. Brian's focus on "Manoa Town" redevelopment of UHS/Lab School land will meet with designers next week 3. Scott's focus group; still pending. Maintaining grads still important for keeping scholarships even with NIL. 4. Francine will update the committee after her meeting 5. Deborah reported on NCAA study indicating student athletes are more aware of the value of a College degree; improved graduation rates between 2012-2023, improving in male football, basketball, black Latino up to over 80%, some over 90%; female gymnastics and lacrosse 99%. Those turning Pro before graduation have met with varied levels of success. 6. David place "teamworks" blog by Kimo Kai, and showed NIL Market Place \$\$ increasing exponentially through 2023. High school athletes now being contacted regarding creation of NIL profile, financial accounting, creation of charities, changes in legislation being there is a "low bar" for companies to start contacting athletes	1- 6. Have rough draft reports by 4/03/2025; consolation by May
Guest(s)	1. None	1.
Committee Reports	1. None	

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		2.
Unfinished Business		1.
Business		1.
Adjournment	The next meeting of the COA will be on April 03, 2025.	Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Merritt, Secretary
Approved unanimously on Mar 06, 2025.

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