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COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Oct. 8, 2015 **3:30-4:30 pm**

LOCATION: Hawaii Hall 208

ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		MEMBERS		GUESTS	TIME
Harris-McCoy, Dan (Chair)	P	Magdy Iskander	P	Kelley Withy (SEC Liaison)	E	David Matlin, UH Athletics Director	3:30- 4:38
Victoria Szymczak, (Vice-Chair)	E	Martin Oishi	E				
Jenny Wells (Secretary)	E	Ian Oyama	E				
David Ericson (FAR)	A	Guylaine Poisson	P				
David Flynn	E	Brent Sipes	P				

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
CALL TO ORDER		Meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel Harris-McCoy at 3:30
MINUTES	The minutes from the Sep. 24 meeting were not reviewed due to lack of quorum. They will be reviewed during the Nov. 12 meeting.	
	<p>1) Athletics Director David Matlin was our guest for the entire COA meeting. AD Matlin and COA members had a wide-ranging discussion that was loosely based on the questions submitted to the AD prior to the meeting. Some of the major themes that emerged from the conversation were:</p> <p>** The need for increased communication between the Athletics Department, the University as a whole, and the broader community</p> <p>** Approach to financial problems will be incremental, attempting to gradually reduce debt over several years</p> <p>** Recognizes need for community to understand athletics in other than financial terms; e.g. as face of University, as entertainment and inspiration for state of Hawaii.</p>	



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	<p>** Will be communicating the above to BOR in “Deep Dive”, i.e. in-depth self-analysis, after which a larger community relations push will take place including in the Senate.</p> <p>** Discussed cost of attendance scholarship including Title IX aspects</p> <p>** In general happy with facilities with the exception of practice facilities for volleyball and basketball</p> <p>** New football stadium likely on current location; access to Ala Wai location, for example, is too problematic</p> <p>** We discussed academic aspects of student-athlete life including various mechanisms for assessing academic performance</p> <p>** Discussed student fees, which AD insisted were relatively low</p> <p>** Faculty involvement in programs, and in particular liaising with student athletes</p>	
ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned 4:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Harris-McCoy.

Approved on Nov. 12 with 8 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.