



COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: 1 December 2016

LOCATION: Hawaii Hall 208

ATTENDANCE:

MEMBERS		MEMBERS		LIASON		GUESTS	TIME
Bhattacharya, Torsha	P	Ng-Osorio, Jacqueline	P	Withy, Kelley	P	Matlin, David	1:00 – 2:00
Flynn, David	P	Sipes, Brent	P				
Hutchison, Elisabeth Steele	P	Simpson Steele, Jamie	E				
Jenkins, Amelia	P	Townsend Ing, Claire	P				
Minaglia, Steven	A	Ericson, David	P				

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Call to Order	D. Flynn called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.	
Minutes	The 3 November 2016 minutes were approved with corrections.	
Athletic Director	David Matlin provided a brief overview of his work since arrival in April 2015. Initial focus areas last year were transparency, improved trust between the Athletics Department and stakeholders, and legislative support. Additional focus areas now include private fundraising, ticket sales, student fees, strategic planning, and a lower campus proof of concept collaboration with the School of Architecture. Some of the main themes in Matlin's responses to COA questions included: 1) Encouraging signs regarding faculty perception on athletics; 2) he would appreciate help in exploring ways to improve faculty support for student-athletes when they are required to travel, including development of more online courses; 3) he will follow up on safety and facilities maintenance issues raised during the November 1 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meeting. D. Matlin also indicated that he is not yet updating the previous AD's 2014-2018 strategic plan, but is instead using a "deep dive"	D. Matlin will send a boiler plate coach contract for information. D. Matlin will look at facility issues. D. Matlin will prep for February 2017 MFS meeting.



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	presentation to target areas for improvement. D. Matlin wants to continue to examine how we can minimize missed classes due to travel. Following up on COA questions about BOR policy for academic expectations in coach contracts, Matlin will forward the template contract language. He emphasized his belief that coaches are also educators, but noted that contractual rewards are tied to achievements in competition. D. Matlin was also supportive of an idea from the OVCAA to initiate a faculty mentor program for SA.	
FAR Report	D. Ericson reported that the basketball APR was on a downward trend. Other sports' APR is fine. Graduate transfers have enrolled in a certificate program rather than a Masters program but the NCAA does not like the use of the certificate program.	
Faculty Mentoring Program	VCAA Bruno sent a proposal for a faculty-SA mentoring program. This will be discussed at the next meeting.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 PM.	

Respectfully submitted by B. Sipes.

Approved by unanimous vote on 2 February 2017.