

**Special Committee on Athletics Minutes**

**Chair Kelvin Lawson**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Kelvin Lawson, Chair

Chair Lawson called the Special Committee on Athletics meeting to order. Ms. Karai Lockley – Senior Associate Athletic Director of Business and Finance/Senior Woman Administrator called the roll. The following committee members were present, and a quorum was established: Trustee Ann Marie Cavazos, Trustee Thomas Dortch Trustee David Lawrence, Trustee Otis Cliatt, Trustee Carrington Whingham and Chair/Trustee Kelvin Lawson.

Chair Lawson asked for a motion for the approval of the December 1, 2021 minutes. Trustee Cavazos motioned approval for the minutes and Trustee Dortch seconded and the motion was carried.

Prior to the presentation two student-athletes Bryce Moragne (men’s basketball) and Dominique Washington (volleyball) gave a personal testimony on their student-athlete experiences.

The presentation continued with the following discussion items: FY22 Budget overview, NCAA Convention Updates; Academic Progress Rate (APR)/Graduation Success Rate (GSR) calculations and Capital Project updates.

Athletics is projected to balance the budget for the fourth consecutive year and moving into the fall with over \$15 million worth of capital projects while raising over \$3 million dollars of philanthropic funds.

The NCAA Convention constitution was updated to emphasis the below:

- Provide significant authority to each division to recognize and restructure a higher level of autonomy
- Emphasis on ‘why’ principles and priorities
- Emphasis on the importance of physical and mental health of the student-athlete
- Emphasis on diversity, inclusion and gender equity

In short – over the next few years – these changes will give university presidents and conference offices more autonomy to determine what new rules and regulations will be for the betterment of the entity.

The NCAA will be part of a data review based on the follow-up of the 2019 citation. The following will be performed (but not limited to);

- Student-athlete eligibility and certification was performed correctly
- Student-athletes were properly included in APR cohorts and determine if eligibility/retention points were awarded correctly

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Kentrell Kearney, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance – discussed how Academic Progress Rate/Graduation Success Rate is calculated and how many points each team should maintain to not have NCAA penalties.

In conclusion – Bragg Memorial Stadium is on the right timeline to be ready for the beginning of the football season.

No 'Action Items' presented.