

Committee on Academics and Athletics

Minutes

Monday, March 27, 2017; 4:30-5:30pm
Noel Studio Conference Room

In attendance: Rusty Carpenter, Todd Hartch, John Harter, Matthew Howell

- I. Committee reviewed Athletics Gender Equity Plan
 - A. Committee discussed the plan overall
 1. Members of the committee agreed that that the plan is important and necessary
 2. Considerations regarding the plan and future:
 - a) If ECU adds sports as part of the Gender-Equity Plan, it should not increase the overall Athletic budget.
 - b) The Committee encourages more conversation and faculty input in the plan and path forward.
 3. Questions to Consider
 - a) Is ECU in compliance?
 - b) Where would any additional funds or increases come from, if the Athletic budget must be increased?
 - c) How does adding a sport (or sports) bring ECU in alignment with Title IX?
 - d) What is the relevant metric that ECU is trying to balance?
 - e) If ECU is accomplishing compliance via Prong 3, why is there concern about Prong 2?
 4. Concerns
 - a) The Committee is concerned with the projected updates and expansions of Athletic facilities (pg. 13 and 15) and additional coaches (pg. 14).
- II. Recent Articles
 - A. The Committee reviewed and discussed two related articles focused on intercollegiate athletics. Article II suggests the findings of the Committee's initial report: Football programs must see sustained success (wins) over a longer period of time to experience any perceived benefits of major (Football Bowl Subdivision) conference affiliation. Both articles offer perspective on potential financial challenges of college athletics.
 1. "As NCAA Money Trickles Down, Even Tennis Coaches are Outearning Professors."
https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/colleges/as-ncaa-money-trickles-down-even-tennis-coaches-are-outearning-professors/2017/03/13/d40d448e-043b-11e7-b9fa-ed727b644a0b_story.html?hpid=hp_special-topic-

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2. “Chasing Big Sports Goals, Rutgers Stumbles into a Vat of Red Ink.” <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/12/sports/rutgers-university-athletic-department-deficits.html?elqTrackId=a5cab68dd9a64d1b8a70010825c1d8e9&elq=a7588bf7d13b4a4cac1fa00fcf57c833&elqaid=12918&elqat=1&elqCampaignId=5326&r=0>

Faculty Input

- The Committee encourages additional faculty input on the University Athletic Committee, which could reduce barriers to faculty-Athletics communication and collaboration.
- III. Committee adjourned at approximately 5:30pm