

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 14, 2011

The Athletics Committee met on Thursday, April 14, 3:30pm, in the College of Education. Members present were: Chuck Conner, Bill Meehan, Cindy Prater, Janelle Scott, Bobby Tucker, Charles Talor, and Ed Walker

New Business:

Chuck Conner indicated that the meeting was an opportunity to discuss items in the End-of-Year Report. All members of the committee received an email attachment of the report prior to the meeting. Chuck began the meeting by reading the charge for the committee and the goals of the committee for 2010-2011. The meeting involved discussion of the NCAA graduation rates and academic success rates for athletes entering college and universities as of 2003. The NCAA provides athletes six years to earn a degree from the time they enter as freshman when calculating if they graduated or not. The information gathered from the NCAA website included a look at Valdosta State University in terms of how all students and student-athletes compared in the 2003 graduation rate and four-class average. The information also included a look at Division II in terms of how all students and student-athletes compared in 2003 graduation rate and four-class average. Information from the NCAA website allowed for comparisons between Valdosta State University and Division II Institutions. Information from the NCAA website was provided in the End-of-Year Report.

Chuck Conner also provided information from the report regarding the success of the Valdosta State University Athletic Teams for the Season. Again, specific information is available in the report. Chuck indicated that the only request that he had had regarding the Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG) was for a list of the committee members' names and their positions on the committee.

Committee members had various comments regarding the NCAA report. Ed Walker asked about the transfers that count into parts of the report. Bobby Tucker provided a review of the various components used in to generate data in the report, as he did in the October meeting. Bobby also indicated that the current transfer requirements are not strong so transfer students may not be as prepared as they could be. Bobby indicated that for fall 2010 in junior colleges, transferring student athletes would have to take two writing courses and a math course. Currently, these requirements do not exist. Charles Talor indicated that a study involving graduation rates for transfer student-athletes with the two writing and one math course requirement compared to the current requirements could provide useful information concerning how the requirement changes have prepared the students to succeed academically.

Cindy Prater added that the Valdosta State University cheerleading squad won another national championship, along with the Dance Team winning a championship in a specific division. This information was not provided in the End-of-Year report because cheerleading and dance team are not NCAA recognized sports.

Chuck Conner asked if there was any other business to discuss. The membership indicated that there was none. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Submitted on April 21, 2011.

Chuck Conner

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