

**Valdosta State University
Meeting Minutes
Athletics Committee**

Date: September 25, 2017 11am-12pm **Place:** HSBA 4150 **Chair:** Heidi Gonzalez
Attending: Heidi Gonzalez (CC), William Truby, Sterlin Sanders (proxy for Gary Hackbarth), Hudson Rogers, Napoleon Bamfo, Mike Bochenko, and Ben Harper
Excused absence: Andrew Black, Gary Hackbarth, Whit Chappell
Absent: Dean Duncan, Steven Scheuler, Lorna Alvarez-Rivera, Daniel Baracskey, David Boyd, Deb Van Petten, Jessica Graves, Joy Ihedioha
Ex-Officio: Herb Reinhard (Present)

	Discussion	Decision	Responsibility
Call to Order	At 11am. Majority of cmte are new members, including chair. Herb gave brief overview of responsibilities and history of committee with an update on current sports in action. Discussed charge of cmte (in bylaws) regarding the process of reporting NCAA graduation rates, a new NCAA grant allowing a new administrator, and the Grades First program needing better response rate from faculty– currently 32%.	Herb asked why David Kuhlmeier not on cmte email - should be ex-officio member. Heidi will inquire & add him to group.	Heidi Gonzalez
1. Review of Minutes from April 5, 2017.	No discussion.	Minutes approved: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstain.	All
2. Old Business a. Student Athlete Academic Spotlight (SAAS) Award	Discussed the process for calling for nominees, deliberating, and awarding. Last year, cmte approved to award SAAS in both Fall and Spring.	Sterlin will follow similar process as cmte used in the spring. Provide link with application to faculty mid-October with a Nov. 15 th due date. Cmte will	Sterlin Sanders Heidi Gonzalez

		review questions and completed nominations prior to our next meeting. Cmte decided to award all students who receive a completed nomination.	
3. New Business a. Review bylaws for any needed changes	Discussed if any changes were needed to current bylaws.	No recommended changes made to current bylaws.	All
4. Other/Announcements Next Meeting	Discussed process of presenting certificates to SAAS nominees. November 29, 2017 2-3pm	In Fall – BB game. Heidi will ask Herb if cmte member should present. In Spring – Athletic Awards Banquet	Heidi Gonzalez
Adjournment	At 11:40am		Heidi Gonzalez

Heidi Gonzalez, Recorder