

Annual Committee Report

Committee Name: Athletics Committee

Chairperson: John B. Hardin III

List of members: John B. Hardin, III, Anne Patterson, Brandi Brannon, Chad Smith, Della Porter, Dona Crow, Garry David, Jason Jenkins, JoAnn Sharp, John Mahoney, Kevin Lallmann, Mary Ann Noah, Megan Ochoa, Melvin Jenkins, Rachel Winship, Sjhonton Fanner, Cole Tallman

Dates of meetings: May 8, 2014

Accomplishments: Annual committee meeting

Recommendations: Adding an Assistant Rodeo Coach contingent upon number of students

Membership suggestions: N/A

Attachment of agendas and minutes (including attendance)

Submitted by: Brandi Brannon

Date submitted: 5/3/13

Athletics Committee

Thursday, May 8, 2014 – 2pm

Faculty/Staff Lounge in SUB

Meeting Agenda

Purpose of Committee:

To provide review, input, and oversight to the College's athletic programs.

Responsibilities:

1. To assist the Athletic Director in selecting new programs. –John B. Hardin, III and Jason Jenkins
2. To review the effectiveness of the College's athletics programs. – John B. Hardin, III and Head Coaches
3. To make recommendations to the Dean of Student Services/Athletic Director and/or the President.
4. Other comments

Athletics Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 08, 2014

Faculty/Staff Lounge

Members Present: Brandi Brannon, Chad Smith, Chris Cox, Cole Tallman, Dona Crow, Jason Jenkins, John Hardin, John Mahoney, Mary Ann Noah, Megan Ochoa, Melvin Jenkins, Rachel Winship, Sjhonton Fanner

Members Not Present: Anne Patterson, Della Porter, Garry David, JoAnn Sharp, Kevin Lallmann

Dean Hardin called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. He reviewed the purpose and responsibilities of the committee: To provide review, input, and oversight to the College's athletic programs.

He opened the floor for discussion/ideas. He reviewed the programs that have been discussed in the past as possible new athletic programs: golf, basketball, tennis and soccer. Golf would entail a very high travel budget and agreements with country clubs. Basketball is a very difficult athletic program to add because of all of the coordination running such a program entails. Tennis is most likely because our existing courts are adequate and the operating costs would be low. Soccer field could be made out of the existing intramural field next to the King Gym. These would be among the possible new programs to be considered in the future.

Jason Jenkins said there are 3 schools in our conference that have a tennis team. The cost is high because they have to travel statewide to compete. The same is true with golf. He also added that we would have to look at the cost of adding dorms to accommodate additional students if we were to add another athletic program, which would not be cost effective at this time. Therefore, he moved that we do not select any athletic programs to be added at this time. The motion was seconded by Chad Smith and approved by all.

Moving on, Jason shared that next year we will be implementing a mandatory 4 night per week study hall for all student athletes. The study hall will be held in the SUB and will be monitored by one of the coaches each night on a rotating schedule. The purpose of this is to help curb the increasing number of early alerts among our student athletes. All Sophomores with a 3.0 GPA or better would not be required to attend. If a team is traveling they are exempt from study hall. The goal is to help our students be more academically prepared and ease their transition to 4-year institutions' program requirements. Chad Smith asked is this is the best time to hold these study halls? Jason answered that the breakfast study halls in the past were not successful so this is the proposed program for this coming Fall. John Mahoney commented that the coaches' attitudes toward the study hall will greatly influence the student's attitudes toward it as well. Dean Hardin said they will request for tutors for specific subjects to come during that time certain nights of the week, as well as requesting faculty members to do the same in efforts to increase their outside of class student engagement. Coach Smith said he agreed this is a good idea; it should help with academics and GPAs; but he is concerned about one coach covering that large a group. He knows the students will get out what they put in.

Concerning effectiveness of the VC Athletic Programs, Dean Hardin said the coaches do a wonderful job of promoting a winning team and a winning work ethic.

John Mahoney asked how the numbers of athletes are holding up compared to years past. Dean Hardin said we have goals of about 30-40 athletes per team for Baseball, Softball & Rodeo and about 20 for Volleyball.

Jason wanted to make note that we have top shelf facilities here at VC. Our facilities are kept up well including the recently redone gym floor.

Dean Hardin said down the road when Rodeo numbers reach their goal, he would see the need for getting an Assistant Rodeo Coach. All of the other 3 athletic teams have assistant coaches. He made the motion to add an Assistant Rodeo Coach contingent upon the number of students. The motion was seconded by John Mahoney and was approved unanimously.

Coach Jenkins said if it is cost effective we should consider artificial surfaces on our fields as a way to offset the need for water locally. He would like to see facilities advancement at the fields including dressing rooms and internet availability. On discussion of future needs of facilities, Dean Hardin said artificial turf will become a necessary part of capital facility improvements at the Softball field.

Coach Tallman said he would like to thank everyone for being such valuable resources and support during his first year here.

Coach Jenkins said he is working towards goals that are in progress and is looking forward to continuing working toward those goals next year.

Coach Smith said all is good. The Rodeo team is getting wrapped up for the year. 29 students have signed letters of intent and goal is 30.

Coach Perez said he has enjoyed his time here. It has been a pleasure these last 5 years. Dean Hardin commented on the tremendous job Tony has done as Housing Director and Assistant Baseball Coach. Kudos to him. John Mahoney echoed his comments saying Tony is the best Director of Housing we have ever had.

Coach Cox said the baseball team has 21 signed and recruiting is going well.

Jason said this is one of the better coaching staffs he has ever worked with. He is looking forward to next year.

There being no further business, Dona Crow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by John Mahoney. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.