

Athletic Committee Meeting: 01/24/2019 @ 2:00PM

Members:

- Present:
 - Steve Cornelison: Director of Student Athletics/Activities
 - Robert “Dart” Hemrick: Director of Purchasing
 - Jackie Barncastle: Academic Computer Operations Coordinator
 - Lisa Smith: Art Professor
 - Amy White: Assistant Professor, PTA Program Lab Coordinator
 - Jen Napolitano: Admin. Assistant of Student Athletics/Activities
- Absent:
 - Casey Meek: Coordinator of Chemistry Lab
 - Paula Fuller: Recruitment Coordinator
 - Rebecca Fisher: Associate Professor, Nursing

Meeting:

- Chair for committee was selected: Dart Hemrick
- Discussed main purposes of committee:
 - Maintain compliance with various associations that Jackson State is part of, such as:
 - Tennessee Bureau of Regents, National Junior College Athletic Association, and Tennessee Junior and Community College Athletic Association (TBR, NJCAA, and TJCAA, respectively.)
 - Gain and give insight on various athletic events, ideas, and news.
 - To also review/assess the athletic side of campus using outside department perspectives, and use said input on any improvements/adjustments.
- Per Steve, the only major revision to the policy found on jWeb is our authority:
 - We report to the President of Jackson State, Dr. Allana Hamilton.
- Discussed eligibility:
 - Athlete must be considered a full-time student with 9 hours being “ongoing” (i.e.: within the current semester.)
 - Class must start before season ends.
 - Can either be online or in-person/on grounds, but student athletes are recommended to take in-person classes.
 - Classes can be taken until passing, but that specific class can only count *once* towards eligibility.
 - Clarification on rules/procedures of eligibility can be gained by contacting TBR/NJCAA/TJCAA.
 - College level classes will be needed at some point during an athlete’s college career, but developmental studies count towards eligibility.
 - Players are given a semester to get back into good standing with their grades if they fail to meet their current eligibility requirements—we keep them on the team, but they do not play.
- News:
 - Paula Fuller will be the 1st woman inducted into the Hall of Fame at our final home game, Saturday February 23rd, during the switch between games (around 4PM.)

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- Coach Deron Hines temporarily stepped away from coaching to focus on teaching, but is expected back.
 - In the meantime, Coach Kelvin Lester is Head Coach of both Men and Women’s Basketball.
 - Assistant Coaches Matt King and Cameron Lester help with both teams, with one assistant increasing his hours to meet the workload.
- Captains Council has been created for student athletes to come and discuss how to improve the student athlete’s life on campus.
 - They would like to plan a “Green Jays Night” to garner support at games, and to make everyone aware that *everyone* at JSCC is a Green Jay.
 - 1 freshman and 1 sophomore per team, plus Steve and Jen, totaling 10 members are on this Council.
- Rosters were shown (attached):
 - Explanation of number discrepancy: some players may not be on the rosters due to injury/being ineligible. The basketball teams’, for example, were created for their tournament in March, therefore the numbers reflect active players as some are injured and cannot play.
- Retention Rates of Student Athletes:

Sport:	Fall 2018	Current
Softball	22	22
Baseball	32	32 ¹
Women’s Basketball	14	11 ²
Men’s Basketball	14	13 ³

- Goals/Future for Athletic Department:
 - Add a “Hall of Fame” to the Gym Lobby on the right side wall near entrance to Gym.
 - Add 2 sports, which will both start out as Women’s: Soccer (Goal would be 2020) & Cross-Country.
 - Several schools already have soccer (ex: Motlow State, Dyersburg State)
 - Many people have approached JSCC about these two sports, therefore the demand is there.
 - If 1 sport is added, Travis (Athletic Trainer) will be “ours” full-time, being paid for by West Tennessee Health.
- Questions answered:
 - How are scholarships divided/spent:
 - ~\$128K is divided evenly among the teams for disbursement, along with 2 out-of-state waivers per team.
 - Dept. of Education receives an annual Title IX report breaking down spending per participant.

¹ Baseball Replaced 1 player, keeping the number the same.

² 2 Players are still in school

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- Some housing is covered, but coaches try to cover academics so that players can keep their Pell.
- Why is Baseball's team so big?
 - Players may rotate out in order to prevent overuse, causing injuries.
 - Players may be focused on a specialty or they may play during travel.
- General Budget:
 - Money is divided among the teams, however readjustments are necessary due to some games being cancelled and that team keeping money over another.
 - Ex: Women's Basketball had 3 cancellations. Therefore, no money was spent on officials, giving them more money than Men's Basketball.
- Game Schedules:
 - Athletics will make game times/changes more transparent
 - I.e.: sending out emails about when games are, or adding game times to the scrolling texts.
 - Signs were ordered to direct spectators.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10PM.

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