



Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025
Time: 4:00PM
Location: Boyd Conference Room, Conley Hall

Members Present: Tim McKenzie

Guests: Dr. Darrin Martin, President; Brent Benjamin, EVP & General Counsel; Joshua Grubb, Chief of Staff; Ryan Bailey, Assistant Athletic Director; Donna Linkous, Admin Assistant; Cynthia Higgins-Atwell, Controller; Brodderick Tucker, Director of Athletics

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Tim McKenzie called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Opening Comments

Mr. McKenzie welcomed attendees and introduced Brodderick Tucker, the newly appointed Director of Athletics.

3. Athletic Update

a. Introduction of New Director of Athletics – Brodderick Tucker

Mr. Tucker summarized his first week: meetings with administrators and head coaches, review of program metrics, and compilation of each program's needs and wish lists. A consolidated summary will be submitted to senior staff following completion of coach meetings on June 10.

b. Spring Sports Wrap-Up

- Men's Golf: CIAA Champions; Alex Hamilton named CIAA Golfer of the Year; team finished 13th at NCAA Regional.
- Women's Golf: Completed first full competitive season.
- Men's Tennis: 4-8 record.
- Women's Tennis: Back-to-back CIAA North Division Champions; semifinal finish; Coach Tim Dunford named CIAA Coach of the Year; Aken Ozman named Player of the Year.
- Softball: 14-30 record; Michaela Chamar named CIAA Freshman of the Year; two first-team All-Conference selections.
- Baseball: 5-35 record; Anderson Moreno selected for CIAA All-Star Game.
- Outdoor Track & Field: Men tied 7th (best finish to date); Women 11th; Robert Scott posted provisional national qualifying time.

c. Spring Term GPA

Overall adjusted student-athlete GPA exceeded 3.0 for the third consecutive semester (unadjusted 2.91). Team academic leader: Women's Tennis (3.79). Twelve of twenty programs posted team GPAs above 3.00.

d. New Head Coaches



- Volleyball: Kiana Morrow (previously assistant at Oklahoma Panhandle State; WV Tech alumna).
- Men's Basketball: Luke D'Alessio (from Fayetteville State University; four division titles in five years).

e. Department Searches

Active searches:

- Two Assistant Athletic Trainers – reposted; two applicants to date.
- Head Men's & Women's Tennis Coach – interim Tim Dunford sole applicant; search continuing per policy.
- Strength & Conditioning Coach – offer paperwork submitted for presidential approval.
- Head Women's Wrestling Coach – search reopened after initial candidate declined.
- Head Athletic Trainer / Director of Sports Medicine – position description under revision; posting imminent.
- Flag Football (part-time) – staffing model under review.
- Director of Athletic Compliance (1.0 FTE) with Academic Coordinator duties – to be advertised.

f. Fall Term Recruiting Goals

- Roster Goal: 406 student-athletes.
- Current Commitments: 326 (ten more than Fall 2024 start).
- Projected Revenue: \$5.67 M (average \$17,392 per student-athlete, up from \$14,330 last year).
Discussion: Housing policy requires freshmen and sophomores to live on campus unless exempt; administration considering future policies tying institutional aid to on-campus residency. Additional housing may be pursued (e.g., tiny-home village) if enrollment and roster growth continue.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Josh Grubb, Chief of Staff