

Minutes
Athletic Advisory Committee
August 11, 2008

The Athletic Advisory Committee met in the Hughes Conference Room of the Davis Field House on August 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Members present for the meeting were Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Dr. Fred Green, Mr. Jason Reeves, Dr. Richard Federinko, Dr. Ken Blankenship, Mrs. Arlene Davis, Mr. Mike Lott, Dr. Edith Smith, Dr. Lance Tatum, Kayla Clemons, and Ben Stanfield. Guests present were Ms. Sandy Atkins and Mr. Steve Dennis.

The meeting was called to order and a roll call of Committee members was taken by Chair, Dr. Jeff Spurlock. Dr. Spurlock explained the purpose of the meeting is to approve absences of all sports that meet in the fall. The maximum number of days to be missed is MWF 8 and T Th 5.

Before the meeting began, Mr. Steve Dennis asked Head Football Coach Larry Blakeney to address the committee. Coach Blakeney began by thanking everyone for their support. He spoke briefly about the upcoming Football season making note that TROY will play against LSU, Ohio State and Oklahoma State this year. He encouraged everyone to come out and be a part of the action by purchasing season tickets and telling someone else to do the same. He was asked which teams would be the hardest and responded that as far as the Conference goes it will be Middle Tennessee and Florida Atlantic. Both will be target teams to beat. He concluded by thanking everyone again.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the agenda. Dr. Tatum made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Dr. Green.

The approval of the minutes of November 27, 2007 meeting was next item on the agenda. Dr. Smith made the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Green. Minutes were approved as presented.

The first schedule to be considered was Soccer. There was some discussion about moving the time released from class on October 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. as not to disrupting class 30 minutes before dismissal. Also, change dismissal time from 2::00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. on September 2 and October 2. Mr. Reeves made motion to approve with amendment for 5 MWF and 2 T Th and it was seconded by Dr. Tatum.

Men's Basketball was next to be approved. There being no discussion Dr. Blankenship made the motion to approve and it was seconded by Mr. Reeves with 4 MWF and 2 T Th.

Women's Basketball was next on the agenda. There was discussion about moving the time released from class on Thursday, November 13 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Dr. Federinko made motion to approve with amendment and it was seconded by Mrs. Davis. It was approved with 2 MWF and 1 T Th.

Men's and Women's Cross Country was the next item on the agenda. It was approved with 1 MWF. Dr. Green made the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Smith.

Cheerleading was next on the agenda with 8 MWF and 2 T Th. Dr. Green noted that the game with Florida Atlantic is during Fall Break therefore it will not count as missed absences. There was some discussion about the early departure for the Middle Tennessee game. They are requesting leaving at 8 a.m. on Wednesday for a Thursday night game. Dr. Smith suggested that they should leave later on Wednesday and missing Friday since the game will not be over until late on Thursday. The total number of days will not be affected. Mr. Dennis and Ms. Atkins will discuss this possibility with Amber Spradley, cheerleading coach. It was mentioned that the cheerleaders do travel with the band and departure time depends on the band. It was also noted that the Florida Atlantic will be played during fall break. Therefore the days missed will be altered to 6 MWF and 1 T Th. It motion to accept was tabled until Mr. Dennis and Ms. Atkins discuss with Ms. Spradley and an e-mail will be sent to the members of the committee for approval.

Football was the next item on the agenda. Again, the Florida Atlantic game will be deleted as it is during fall break. It was approved with 6 MWF and 1 T Th. Mr. Reeves made the motion and Dr. Smith seconded it.

Women's Golf was approved with amendment to delete October 6th and 7th games as they are during fall break. Dr. Green made the motion and Dr. Blankenship seconded. It was approved with 3 MWF and 3 T Th.

Men's Golf was approved with amendment to delete October 6th and 7th games as they are during fall break. Dr. Tatum noted that classes missed should be added to the end of the tournament rather than early departure. After discussion the schedule was approved with 4 MWF and 3 T Th. Dr. Tatum made the motion and Mr. Reeves seconded.

Rodeo was approved with fall break amendment. It was approved with 4 MWF and 4 T Th. Mr. Reeves made the motion and Dr. Green seconded.

Women's Tennis was approved with fall break amendment. It was approved with 2 MWF and 1 T Th. Dr. Smith made the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Green.

Men's Tennis was approved with the fall break amendment. It was approved with 4 MWF and 1 T Th. Dr. Tatum made the motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Davis.

Volleyball was approved after changing release time on August 29th, September 5 and September 15th from 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. It was approved with 6 MWF and 3 T Th absences. Dr. Blankenship made the motion and Mr. Reeves seconded.

Next on the agenda was a report by Steve Dennis, Athletic Director. He began by thanking everyone for serving on this committee. Our purpose in the Athletic Department is to graduate our Student Athletes. He thanked Dr. Tatum for his service as Faculty Athletic Representative and for his service on this committee. He introduced Wes Allen, Assistant Athletic Director for Development. Mr. Allen spoke about ticket sales and that they are going very well. He noted that tickets for the LSU game will be returned on August 15th. He added that the Stadium Club and Sky Boxes are sold out and both have waiting lists. He mentioned that we will be selling a

coffee table book highlighting the 100 years of football on campus. They will be available for Christmas delivery. He added that football appreciation night will be August 16th at 6:00 and tickets are \$100.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.