

Special Committee on Athletics Minutes

Chair Kelvin Lawson

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Kelvin Lawson, Chair

Chair Lawson called the Special Committee on Athletics meeting to order. Ms. Karai Lockley – Senior Associate Athletic Director of Business and Finance/Senior Woman Administrator called the roll. The following committee members were present, and a quorum was established: Trustee Ann Marie Cavazos, Trustee Thomas Dortch Trustee David Lawrence, Trustee Xavier McClinton, and Chair/Trustee Kelvin Lawson.

Chair Lawson opened with a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2020 meeting. Trustee Dortch moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cavazos and the motion carried.

VP/AD Kortne Gosha was given the floor by Chair Lawson to discuss two items on the September agenda: Fall sports schedule and facility upgrade updates.

The Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference chose to postpone all fall sports to the spring – which includes football, volleyball, and women’s cross country. Men and women’s basketball are considered winter sports and is still slated to resume competition in the Fall. Currently – the NCAA has not decided if October will still be the official start of the season.

Although Fall sports will be moved to the Spring – this has required the Athletics Department to evaluate travel and the number of events that will be attended by each sport. There will be a modified schedule which would include Florida A&M playing in divisions that would essentially avoid air travel for majority of the teams.

Regarding Football – the planning committee is still in the infancy stages on how the conference will proceed with scheduling for the Spring. However – once this information has been solidified – VP/AD Gosha will provide an update to the Board of Trustees.

Many of student-athletes are currently on campus and settling into the new protocols set forth by state and campus officials. As of September 2nd – 90% of the student-athlete population has tested at Bragg Memorial Stadium. Athletics is dedicated to ensuring the health and safety of the student-athletes – which is the departments’ number one priority.

Moving forward – VP/AD Gosha continued to discuss the facility enhancements that are currently in progress. A video was played on the improvements in and around the Galimore-Powell Field House after 37 years – including replacing the roof and new lockers. The artificial turf installation for softball is 70% complete and will undoubtedly assist with the yearly maintenance expenditures.

The Athletics Department is committed to raise \$750,000 with the ‘*All In Campaign*’ for all facility enhancements.