



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 22, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Florida International University
Modesto A. Maidique Campus
Graham Center Ballrooms

Committee Membership:

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*; Marcelo Claire, *Vice Chair*; Sukrit Agrawal; Thomas A. Breslin;
Joseph L. Caruncho; Mayi de la Vega; Patrick O'Keefe

Liaisons:

Michael R. Mendez, *Foundation Board of Directors*; A. Vicky Garcia-Toledo, *President's Council*;
Mitchell R. Less, *President's Council*

AGENDA

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| 1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |
| 2. Approval of Minutes | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |
| 3. Discussion/Information Items (<i>No Action Required</i>) | |
| 3.1 Athletics Overview | Pete Garcia |
| 3.2 Capital Improvement Initiative Update | Pete Garcia/Howard Lipman |
| 3.3 Discussion of Sports Related Injuries | Julie Berg |
| 3.4 Introduction of Head Coach and Student Athlete | Pete Garcia |
| 4. New Business (<i>If Any</i>) | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |
| 5. Closing Remarks and Adjournment | Jorge L. Arrizurieta |

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**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Athletics Committee**

November 22, 2011

Subject: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on December 2, 2010

Proposed Committee Action:

Approval of Minutes of the Athletics Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

Background Information:

Committee members will review and approve the Minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

Supporting Documentation: Athletics Committee Meeting Minutes: December 2, 2010

Facilitator/Presenter: Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta

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**FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 2, 2010**

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

The Florida International University Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta at 4:09 pm on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the Modesto A. Maidique Campus, MARC International Pavilion.

The following attendance was recorded:

Present

Jorge L. Arrizurieta, *Chair*

Marcelo Claure, *Vice Chair*

Thomas A. Breslin

Albert Maury

Helena Ramirez

Gerald C. Grant, Jr., *FIU Foundation Board of Directors Liaison*

Trustee Sukrit Agrawal and President Mark B. Rosenberg were also in attendance.

Committee Chair Jorge L. Arrizurieta welcomed all Trustees, faculty, staff and students to the meeting. He recognized the University's Athletics Department and congratulated the student athletes on the recent football victory and season that culminated in the Sun Belt Conference Championship title. He commended Pete Garcia, Athletics Director, and Mario Cristobal, Head Football Coach, for their hard work and dedication, noting that their efforts were instrumental in securing student success inside and outside of the classroom.

2. Approval of Minutes

Committee Chair Arrizurieta asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May 20, 2010, Athletics Committee meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the Athletics Committee Meeting held on May 20, 2010.

3. Foundation Report

FIU Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors member Gerald C. Grant, Jr. presented the Foundation Report and provided an update on the Capital Campaign, noting that key positions have been hired including seven Annual Giving Development Officers who are critical to bringing in unrestricted dollars that will

support continued development efforts for the campaign in addition to building the base for future donors. He also presented updates on fundraising and investments.

4. Discussion/Information Items

4.1. Athletics Overview

Athletic Director Pete Garcia presented the Athletics Overview, reporting on the recent accomplishments for Athletics teams. He noted that the Women's Softball team had a perfect 8-0 season in fall 2010. He also stated that the Women's Golf team opened their season with first-place finishes in their first two tournaments, the Wolverine Invitational and the University of Cincinnati Fall Invitational, and that Women's Golf is currently ranked 32nd nationally in Golf stat's head-to-head rankings. AD Garcia reported that currently, Men's Basketball was off to a 4-2 start and that Women's Basketball, as of November 30, was 4-2, enjoying a Sunbelt best three game winning streak.

4.2. APR Update

Assistant Compliance Director and APR Specialist Monique Garcia reported that the University is committed to ensuring student-athlete success, noting that this is evident in the marked improvement in Academic Progress Rates (APR) for FIU sports programs. She added that as part of her responsibilities, eligibility and retention issues are closely monitored, stating that recruiting academically-prepared student-athletes is a critical component in ensuring continued improvement.

Ms. Garcia reported that for the past two years single year numbers have been presented to the Committee because statistically it would take FIU five years to move over a multi-year score of 925 in the majority of University sports programs. She explained that FIU has scored single year APR numbers high enough over the past two years, to move to multi-year numbers. She noted that the most notable single year score, Men's Baseball was 990 and it resulted in the largest multi-year rate increase for all sports. She further reported that all sports are above a 925 multi-year score except for Men's Basketball. She explained that while continued improvement was needed, the necessary components are in place to ensure sustained success.

4.3. Revenue & Savings Initiatives

Associate Athletics Director Alex Duque provided a summary of significant revenues and savings. He reported that a new agreement with a custodial staffing vendor was negotiated generating an estimated annual savings of \$7,300. He noted that the crowd control vendor was changed from CSC to Andy Frain Services, generating an annual savings in addition to sponsorship revenue. Mr. Duque explained that a new sponsorship was sold to Doctor's Hospital valued at over \$230,000 over three years. He also advised that all Stadium Suites have been sold, generating gross revenue in line with the annual budget.

4.4. Community Service Update

Assistant Athletic Director, Student-Athlete Development and Community Relations Liz Borrell-Augustin explained that the University's student-athletes continue to be active in the community. She reported that several of the male student-athletes created the M Power (MENtorship Power) program. She noted that as part of the M Power program student-athletes meet once a month with a group of 10-15 children from Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide them with life skills development. She added that the Program covers various topics such as teamwork, goal setting and discipline, further noting that last month the children enjoyed a guided tour of the Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum. She further explained that the female student-athletes have requested to initiate a similar female mentorship program, which she added was anticipated to begin during the spring semester.

4.5. Introduction of Head Coach & Student Athlete

AD Garcia introduced Head Coach of Women's Golf Joe Vogel. Currently in his fifth year of coaching the team, Coach Vogel noted that FIU Women's Golf was presently the highest ranked team in the state of Florida, adding that the team boasted a diverse roster with members representing countries from all over the world. He thanked the members of the Committee for their support of the University and Intercollegiate Athletics.

AD Garcia introduced softball player Ashley McClain, the 2010 Sunbelt Conference Player of the Year and the All-SBC First Team selection. He noted that Ms. McClain set single-season records for Runs Batted In at 56 and doubles at 17 in 2010. He further noted that Ms. McClain compiled a hitting streak of 14 games to mark the third-longest hitting streak in program history. He added that Ms. McClain is currently ranked second all-time at FIU in career batting average of (.332), hitting a team-high 12 home runs last season. Ms. McClain provided brief remarks, stating that as a current student at FIU, she felt fortunate to be counted among the top recruits on the Women's Softball team, and thanked Coach Beth Torina for her inspiring work ethic and dedication.

5. New Business

AD Garcia announced that on Sunday, December 5, 2010, the University community will gather at the Stadium Club for a press conference, adding that Bowl Officials are expected to announce where the FIU Football team and Sun Belt Conference Champions will travel to for FIU's first appearance in a bowl game. He noted that the December 4 game is pivotal, noting that Bowl officials will determine then whether FIU heads to the New Orleans Bowl, the Little Caesars Bowl in Detroit, or to the GoDaddy.com Bowl in Mobile.

Trustee Thomas A. Breslin requested that the administration provide a report at the next scheduled meeting of the Athletics Committee on how the University addressed sports related injuries to student-athletes. Athletic Director Garcia commented that our student athletes are cared for by allied medical professionals that are state of Florida licensed and nationally certified in injury prevention, care, treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. He further recognized the University's relationship with Doctors Hospital and Baptist Health South Florida as critical in managing sports-related injuries.

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees' Athletics Committee was adjourned on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at 5:07 p.m.

<i>Trustee Requests</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
<i>Trustee Breslin requested that the administration provide a report on the process involved for addressing sports related injuries to student-athletes.</i>	<i>Athletics Director Pete Garcia</i>	<i>Next scheduled Committee meeting</i>

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THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Athletics Committee

November 22, 2011

Subject: Discussion/Information Items *(No Action Required)*

Proposed Committee Action:

None. For discussion and information purposes only.

Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Pete Garcia will provide an Athletics Overview. Executive Director Garcia and Senior Vice President of University Advancement Howard Lipman will deliver an update on the Capital Improvement Initiative. Senior Associate Athletic Director Julie Berg will provide a follow-up report on the process involved for addressing sports related injuries sustained by student athletes. Executive Director of Sports and Entertainment Garcia will introduce a Head Coach and Student Athlete.

Supporting Documentation:

Article from FIUSports.com, *Sun Belt Conference Honors 100 FIU Student-Athletes*, July 11, 2011

Congratulatory Letter from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), congratulating the FIU Women's Tennis Team for being a recipient of the NCAA Public Recognition Award, September 12, 2011

Article from The Miami Herald, *Top-25 Class for Swim Team*, July 7, 2011

Letter from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America, announcing that the FIU Women's Swimming and Diving Team achieved Scholar All American Status, July 20, 2011

Facilitator/Presenter:

Pete Garcia
Howard Lipman
Julie Berg

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Sun Belt Conference Honors 100 FIU Student-Athletes

Courtesy: FIUSports.com

Release: 07/11/2011

NEW ORLEANS, La. (July 11, 2011) --- The Sun Belt Conference honored 100 FIU student-athletes for achieving grade point averages of 3.0 or better during the 2010-2011 academic year, the league announced on July 11.

Over 30 FIU Panthers were named to the Sun Belt Commissioner's List, which honors all student-athletes recording a 3.5 GPA or better during the 2010-2011 academic year. Leading the way was women's soccer with six honorees. Women's basketball, swimming & diving and volleyball each had four student-athletes that earned a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Almost 70 FIU student-athletes were named to the Sun Belt Conference Academic Honor Roll, which is awarded to those maintaining a 3.0-3.49 GPA. Football led all sports with 13 student-athletes on the honor roll. Swimming & diving placed 11 Panthers on this year's academic honor roll.

In all, the football team leads all FIU squads with 16 honorees, while swimming & diving produced 15. Women's soccer rounds out the top three with 12 academic award winners.

Below is a listing of this year's FIU Sun Belt Academic honorees.

2010-11 Sun Belt Commissioner's List (FIU) - 3.5 GPA or higher (34 student-athletes)

Mason McVay (Baseball)
Jose Velazquez (Baseball)
Steven Miro (Men's Basketball)
Elisa Carey (Women's Basketball)
Fanni Hutlassa (Women's Basketball)
Liene Jekabsone (Women's Basketball)
Carmen Miloglav (Women's Basketball)
Wesley Carroll (Football)
Michael Davies (Football)
Joshua Forney (Football)
Katie Mundy (Women's Golf)
Carlan Jones (Women's Soccer)
Victoria Milliucci (Women's Soccer)
Julietta Morano (Women's Soccer)
Melanie Raimo (Women's Soccer)
Kelsey Rene (Women's Soccer)
Paula Zuluaga (Women's Soccer)
Kasey Barrett (Softball)
Kayla Burri (Softball)
Liset Brito (Women's Tennis)
Christine Seredni (Women's Tennis)
Maria Vallasciani (Women's Tennis)
Chelsie Kidd (Swimming & Diving)
Colleen Quinn (Swimming & Diving)
Danielle Snier (Swimming & Diving)
Jamie Stinson (Swimming & Diving)

Michael Bejarano (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Richie Bonilla (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Daniela Espino (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Lashae White (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Angelina Colon (Volleyball)
Jessica Egan (Volleyball)
Una Trkulja (Volleyball)
Jessica Wilke (Volleyball)

2010-11 Sun Belt Honor Roll (FIU) - 3.0 GPA or higher (66 student-athletes)

Jose Behar (Baseball)
John Caballero (Baseball)
Tyler James Shantz (Baseball)
Joel Capote (Baseball)
David Vazquez (Baseball)
Garrett Wittels (Baseball)
Michelle Gonzalez (Women's Basketball)
Timeyin Oritsesan (Women's Basketball)
Stephen Bailey (Football)
Robert Boswell (Football)
Michael Cal (Football)
Jonathan Cyprien (Football)
Christopher Edwards (Football)
Anthony Gaitor (Football)
Mike Jean-Louis (Football)
Kevin Van Kirk (Football)
Andrew Mattox (Football)
Ashlyn Parker (Football)
Zachery Schaubaut (Football)
Jarius Williams (Football)
Mitchell Wozniak (Football)
Shelby Coyle (Women's Golf)
Crystal McNamara (Women's Soccer)
April Perry (Women's Soccer)
Deana Rossi (Women's Soccer)
Katilyn Savage (Women's Soccer)
Kassandra Sorzano (Women's Soccer)
Linn Thune (Women's Soccer)
Alexandra Casals (Softball)
Jennifer Gnaidek (Softball)
Kelsey Grabiak (Softball)
Ashley McClain (Softball)
Elizabeth Peller (Softball)
Jenny Welch (Softball)
Mariana Muci (Women's Tennis)
Maria Spenceley (Women's Tennis)
Sabrina Beaupre (Swimming & Diving)
Kelly Boyd (Swimming & Diving)
Sabrina Dow (Swimming & Diving)
Kelly Grace (Swimming & Diving)
Elly James (Swimming & Diving)
Jennifer Lee (Swimming & Diving)
Mariangela Macchiavello (Swimming & Diving)
Melissa Moreno (Swimming & Diving)
Joanna Pomerantz (Swimming & Diving)
Yesica Rojas (Swimming & Diving)

Namiko Shibata (Swimming & Diving)
Alvaro Castillo (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Victor Chin (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Miguel Delgadillo (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Chad Ganier (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Jason Oliver (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Daniel Stephenson (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Kevin Vandernotte (Men's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Kimberlee Dekrey (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Jessica deRoquancourt (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Estefania Fierro (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Gabriela Herrera (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Carla-Kay Mills (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Bianca Morrison (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Christina Raphael (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Brittany Smith (Women's Track & Field/Cross Country)
Jovana Bjelica (Volleyball)
Rachel Fernandez (Volleyball)
Renele Forde (Volleyball)
Sabrina Gonzalez (Volleyball)
Ines Medved (Volleyball)

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September 12, 2011

Coach Melissa Applebaum
Women's Tennis Head Coach
Florida International University
11200 SW 8th Street
Miami, Florida 33199

Dear Coach Applebaum:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your team for being a recipient of the NCAA Public Recognition Award. This honor is bestowed on those teams that have an NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports.

As the head coach, you play a critical role in helping your student-athletes achieve their athletic and academic goals. The academic success of your team demonstrates your commitment to developing student-athletes and promoting the overall student-athlete experience. Your team has demonstrated its commitment in the classroom and on the playing field, which sets a great example for all students.

Once again, I congratulate you, your student-athletes, the athletics department and the institution for the outstanding academic achievements of your team.

Sincerely,

Mark Emmert
President

ME:br

cc: Ms. Julie Berg
Dr. Stephen Fain
Mr. Peter Garcia
President Mark B. Rosenberg

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FIU NOTEBOOK

Top-25 class for swim team

BY JUSTIN AZPIAZU
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After years of relative obscurity, the FIU women's swimming and diving program is starting to receive national recognition.

With the addition of six European swimmers during the spring signing period, the Golden Panthers' 2011 recruiting class earned a No. 23 ranked by collegeswimming.com.

"The ranking is humbling," FIU swim coach **Randy Horner** said. "It's an honor to be listed with those schools in the top 25. It lets us know that our goal of being a nationally recognized program is on the right track."



HORNER

The Panthers signed 11 swimmers, including Germany's **Carolyn Rademacher** and Iceland's **Johanna Gustafsdottir**. Both Rademacher and Gustafsdottir are highly ranked swimmers in their native countries.

Gustafsdottir has been on the Icelandic National Swimming Team since 2003 and established 25 national records.

After several subpar seasons, the swimming and diving program slowly is building into a Sun Belt Conference contender.

Under Horner, who is entering his second year with FIU, the Golden Panthers earned fourth place in the conference tournament. With the help of assistant coach **Ignacio Gayo**, Horner successfully has brought in higher-caliber athletes who traditionally would have ignored FIU in hopes of a higher-profile program.

Horner and Gayo have focused much of their attention on recruiting in the United States and abroad. With the help of swimming recruiting services, Horner has been able to find athletes interested in FIU from across Europe.

"We build up relationships with these services and give out our information," Horner said.

The process of signing international athletes poses unique challenges. Coaches must make sure the athletes are academically eligible for the NCAA and can pass a prerequisite exam to prove proficiency in English.

"The most difficult part is getting them in," Horner said. "Some coaches choose not to deal with international kids. We feel we are equipped for the process."

Sonia Perez Arau, a native of Spain, transferred from the University of Bridgeport, a Division II school in Connecticut. Perez Arau, a national finalist last season as a freshman, will focus on the backstroke and the individual medley.

Rounding out the incoming class is **Valeria Popova**, a freestyler from the Ukraine, and **Klara Andersson**, who is ranked top 20 in Sweden in the 50 and 100 breast.

The remaining five signees are from the United States, including **Destiny Godfrey** of Dallas. Godfrey never had heard of FIU before being approached at a swim meet in Texas.

She instantly fell in love with the campus, canceling two recruiting visits after leaving Miami.

"I expect us to do really well," she said. "We are going to surprise a lot of people."

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College Swimming Coaches Association of America
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SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA PROGRAM

July 20, 2011

Mr. Pete Garcia
FIU Athletics
11200 Sw 8th St
Miami, FL 33199

Dear Mr. Pete Garcia,

On behalf of the College Swimming Coaches Association of America, I'm proud to announce the Florida International University Women's Swimming and Diving Team has achieved Scholar All American status, for the Spring 2011 semester.

The College Swimming Coaches Association of America presents the Team Scholar All American award to college and university swimming and diving teams who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Based on your team's cumulative grade point average of 3.26 for the spring semester, the Florida International University Women's Swimming and Diving Team has earned CSCAA Team Scholar All American Honors. A complete listing of all institutions who have achieved this honor can be found on the CSCAA website (www.cscaa.org).

Congratulations to your student-athletes for their academic achievements during the Spring 2011 semester.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Bernardino".

Mark Bernardino, President
College Swimming Coaches Association of America

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