

## Standing Committee Annual Report

**Name of Committee or Council:**

Athletic Committee

**Chair:**

Cindy Taylor, FAR

**Meeting Dates in Current Year:**

8 Nov 2022 and 17 Apr 2023

**Major Actions or Accomplishments:**

Please see agenda and minute notes that are attached.



## Agenda

Date 11.8.2022

### ***Austin Peay State University Athletic Committee Meeting***

1. Introductions
2. Comments from **Gerald Harrison**, Director of Athletics
3. Academic Report 2021-2022 from **Matthew Kilpatrick for Katie Ethridge**, Director of Academic Services
4. Compliance Review 2021-2022 by **Tara Patterson**, Assistant Director of Athletics/Compliance
5. Year End FAR report for 2021-2022 from **Cindy Taylor**, Chair and Faculty Athletics Representative
6. Spring Meeting – last year 18 April 2022

### **Committee Members for 2022-2023**

Cindy Taylor, Chair and FAR	Brad Allen, Coordinator, Foy Center
Don Dailey, Faculty, Biology	Michelle Turner, Warehouse, Finance & Admin
Christopher Wright, Faculty, Criminal Justice	<i>Gerald Harrison, AD, ex officio</i>
Kathy Heuston, Faculty, Communication	<i>Neisha Campbell, Senior Woman Administrator, ex officio</i>
Jalesa Parks, Faculty, Teaching and Learning	Sheila Bryant, Director, Equal Opport. & Aff. Action
Susan Cockrell, Faculty, Acct. and Finance	Jau'von Young, Student-Athlete Rep, Football
<i>John Schnettler, Director of Athletic Band, ex officio</i>	Jack Fitzgerald, Student-Athlete Rep, XC
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## ***Meeting Minutes***

- **Introductions** – Cindy Taylor, Don Dailey, Chris Wright, Kathy Heuston, Gerald Harrison, Neisha Campbell, Jack Fitzgerald, and Matthew Kilpatrick for Katie Etheridge
- **Gerald Harrison**
  - Strategic Planning Process – soon to be completed, will be presented to Dr. Licari and the Board of Trustees in the December 2022 meeting, Athletics is hosting the Board of Trustees on for Thursday night prior to the Friday meeting.
    - a. Steering Committee – campus, academics, donors, legal affairs, athletic staff, students
    - b. Working Groups – each tasked with working on the mission, vision, statement
    - c. Looking into the Future – University Centennial – 5 year plan
    - d. Master Facility Plan – longer term
- ASUN transition – 1 July 2022 – adjustment, travel is different, competition is stiffer, level up
  - a. TV, ESPN+ increase, fans  
Increase enrollment and brand – 13 million vs. 3 million conference footprint  
Huntsville admission officer – helping recruit  
Conference USA breakdown – Jacksonville State, Liberty, and Kennesaw to FBS  
Next steps in ASUN is to protect the brand. Next year MTSU getting \$1,000,000 more than we did in 2022, TV  
Football helps support the other sports
  - b. New ASUN Commissioner – Gerald and all the Presidents of the universities, Ted is retiring
- CFO – just left Tim Knavels – 2 years – moved to Florida – National Search – Strategic Business partner, CPA, in CFO  
  
Balanced budget – 2021-2022  
Add nutrition, mental health, and balance the budget  
Two Athletic Trainers – 4 months search – Athletic Training major would help – increase salaries – challenge as some trainers have 2 or 3 sports  
  
Other Information  
374 SA, dance and spirit and cheer – not an NCAA varsity sport  
Name, Image and Likeness – new, social media, NIL summit to Atlanta 3 SA  
36 NIL deals  
Luncheon – Stacheville Exchange – NIL portal – SA can interact with businesses – follow state laws – no alcohol, sex  
For the People – Collective – Crowdsourcing for donors – not as large – Auburn \$15 million, USC \$100 million – provide the students an opportunity – Education, Financial and Legal Counsel – negotiating contracts  
FB – Kennesaw – Win – host a game Thanksgiving weekend  
FB – sold AL ticket allotment  
Chris Wright asked about complimentary faculty tickets – Complimentary seating – challenge – faculty. Chair Cindy Taylor took the issue to Dr. Scanlan, President of Faculty Senate the following Monday (14<sup>th</sup> of November)

- **Matthew Kilpatrick for Katie Ethridge**

2022 All Athletic Teams posted at least a 3.0 GPA – this is the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive semester for that achievement

It was another record-breaking semester for Austin Peay State University student-athletes, with the department announcing its 291 student-athletes combined to record a department-record **3.43 grade-point average** during the recently completed spring semester.

It was the tenth-consecutive semester the Austin Peay athletics department has posted a 3.0 GPA or better and the 13th time in department history. In addition, this semester marked the first time in department history APSU student-athletes have posted a department-wide GPA of 3.4 or better with all 15 of the varsity programs recording at least a 3.0 GPA.

39% of the student athletes made the Fall 2021 Dean's List and 47% of the student athletes made the Spring 2022 Dean's List

Two new academic coordinators were added for the 2022-2023 academic year – Charde' Hudspeth (FB, Spirit) and Trey Price (FB)

- Report from **Tara Patterson** moved to the Spring 2023 Meeting
- **Cindy Taylor**, Faculty Athletic Representative
  - a. Discussed her trip to the Faculty Athletic Representation Association meeting in Indianapolis from 3-5 November 2022. Reports included the NCAA's Transformation Committee NIL, and Student-Athlete Well Being, Banquet with Awards to Divisions I, II and III outstanding FAR's and the Walter Byers and Jim McKay Scholarship student athlete award were presented. The Keynote speaker for the 2022 FARA meeting was Janet Judge with Education & Sports Law Group, LLC.



## Agenda

**04.17.23 – 3:30 pm**

### ***Austin Peay State University Athletic Committee Meeting***

- Introductions
- ~~Comments from~~ **Gerald Harrison, Director of Athletics – Absent for candidate interviews**
- Welcome and the Fall 2022 Academic Report from **Dr. Kristal McGreggor, Associate Director of Athletics – Student-Athlete Success and Matthew Kilpatrick, Director of Student-Athlete Development**
- Compliance Report from **Tara Patterson, Associate Director of Athletics - Compliance**
- Comments, **Cindy Taylor, Chair and Faculty Athletics Representative**
- Other Items?

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- **Tara Patterson**
  - reported that Athletics now has a full-time assistant in compliance. Connor Volpe is a compliance specialist working in the areas of Name, Image and Likeness (NIL), Collective and Influencer.
  - APSU had four minor violations involving social media.
  - APSU had seven waivers submitted and most of those were legislative and a seven year extension.
  - APSU had four medical redshirt submissions in 2022-2023.
  - Tara also discussed the Transfer portal and one of the changes will be that a second transfer will require a valid reason, e.g., mental health concern or Title IX violation.
  - APSU's Academic Progress Rate – all sports were above the 930 threshold (1000 is perfect). Some of the sports with lower APR values have undergone coaching changes and many times student-athletes leave the program and negatively affect the APR.
- **Kristal McGregor**
  - APSU has had many events and more scheduled for the latter part of the Spring semester: Spring Student-Athlete Sashing – 4 May; EsPEAY awards 24 April; SAAC last meeting of the year 18 April; Hattie Wilhoite Walker Award Ceremony 17 April.
- **Niesha Campbell**
  - LeadHer campaign and programming raised \$165,000. Programs included Community Leader Panel Discussions, Student Athlete Panel, and an Advisory Committee with student-athletes and community leaders.