

# Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

## Special Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016  
12:30 pm

EAGLE Center

Meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm

Brian Hutchinson-Budget Reduction Strategies for Athletics

- Hutchinson opened the meeting with a brief introduction of the restructuring timeline (included with minutes) for the University.
- Athletics falls under the Office of Student Life. With nearly two-thirds of the budget belonging to Athletics it was necessary for a substantial budget decrease somewhere within our department.
- With no discretionary dollars available in an already tight budget it was determined that the Men/Women's Tennis program would be suspended beginning in the 2016-17 season. With this suspension, there would be an approximate \$400,000 reduction. The vast majority of these funds are scholarship money.
- Restructuring plan is to add Women's Beach Volleyball and Women's Indoor Track effective in the 2016-17 season. These 2 sports will be on a non-scholarship level.
- Sports sponsorship money is given by the NCAA to schools who have above 13 sports in the amount of \$36,000 per sport. Suspending the Tennis program would drop us down to 14 and \$36,000 in sponsorship money. Adding Beach Volleyball and Indoor Track will give us \$108,000 in sponsorship funds.
- There will be some expense to the 2 new programs mostly travel related.
- Going forward it is hoped to make these 2 programs competitive and add scholarship dollars.
- Hutchinson asked for an endorsement of the plan from the committee.
- Bob Albert motions that the committee endorses the restructure plan as presented. John Curry seconds
- Acceptance by 5 voting members: Bob Albert, John Curry, Vivian Cyrus, Gary Mesa-Gaido and Clarenda Phillips
- Current tennis student athletes' scholarships will be honored until they graduate if they choose to stay on at Morehead.

- Several questions were posed by the members and answered:
  - o Affects how many? *This consists of 1 coach, 10 student athletes and 1 graduate assistant.*
  - o Mostly international student athletes? *Yes*
  - o Where would beach volleyball play? *Space behind current tennis courts*
  - o Would we draw from current volleyball team? *Yes and walk-ons would also be permitted*
- Immediately after meeting Hutchinson was meeting with the Coach and the team. Media Relations will release the news at 2:00 pm today.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm

## **Restructuring Timeline**

January 2016-Governor Bevin presents State of the Commonwealth address

February 2016-President Andrews develops a Budget Working Group Task Force to identify strategies in preparation for a major institutional budget reduction

March 2016-Strategies are identified through the BWGTF and in consultation with divisional directors through each respective vice president

April 2016-Kentucky's General Assembly passes the biennial budget for the Commonwealth and moves it on to Governor Bevin

An agreement is reached to limit the new year's budget reduction to 4.5%

Analysis of fixed cost increases, enrollment decline, and tuition shortfall continues

Council on Postsecondary Education adopts tuition increase parameters for institutions in the Commonwealth

Athletics presents official restructuring plan to Vice President Weathers and President Andrews on April 21

Plan is approved and discussed on April 28