I. Call to Order

Chester Phillips called to order the meeting of the University Senate Committee on Athletics at 11:41 a.m. in the College of Education and Human Development.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was presented to approve the minutes from September 15, 2016. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Attendees- Charlie Cobb, Joya Davies, Jacob English, Joseph Peragine, Catherine Perkins Chester Phillips, George Pierce, Sebastian Rand, Deborah Shapiro, Kris Varjas, Chen Yu-ping. Brad Horton, Erik Paz, and Kelcey Roegiers were also in attendance.

III. Standing Reports

A. Chair Report

Chester Phillips, Senate Committee on Athletics Chair, did not have any updates for the group.

B. Athletic Director’s Report

Director of Athletics Charlie Cobb gave a brief update on the status of our football program. He discussed how Parker and Research are heading the search for our next head football coach and explained how the hiring process works.

C. Academics Report

Director for Academics Brad Horton provided the group with updates on the special talents committee and how we are making good even better. Kris Varjas discussed the pilot program being done currently with two coaches and that she is having conversations to get the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) to sit on this committee as a non-voting member but also the senate committee chair as a voting member.

D. Compliance Report

Associate Athletic for Compliance Erik Paz asked for the approval of spring competition schedules. Board members were had concerns about certain individuals missing too much class and having a low GPA. The board asked for further class breakdown on specific classes missed that will be presented at the next meeting. Deborah Shapiro asked there be an amendment to look at individual concerns before approving schedules. With that motion, competition schedules were approved unanimously.
IV. Future Meetings

The next meeting is on Thursday, February 23, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.