UAAAC Minutes

Date 02/12/2026 Start Time 3:35 PM Adjournment Time 4:08 PM Location SSC Conf. Rm

Type of Meeting ☒ Regular ☐ Special

CHAIR	Shannon Banks (Interim)
SECRETARY	Shelly Barton
ATTENDEES	Damien Burger,Ty Harp, Leigh Hersey, Anthony Malta, Megan Smith, S.J. Tuohy, Josh Tolleson, Carmen Wright
ABSENT (EXCUSED)	Rob Bernardi

Agenda

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS	

The meeting minutes from the November 13,2025 meeting were distributed. Hersey made motion with 2nd from Wright to approve with editorial change; minutes approved.

DISCUSSION TOPICS	

The meeting was called to order by Shannon Banks.

FAR Update: (Leigh Hersey):
-The International FARA Institute meeting took place in Indianapolis with disc. on gambling issues, social media backlash and bullying; will present report when have on conference level.
-Pres. Ed. Day in Pensecola spring, will attend.
-Women in Sports Day went great and was held in early February with SAC rep and softball coach as two speakers
-Awards season approaching at conference an NCAA level
-Comm. members provided with sample form for feedback to be used to vote facutly member of the year for ULM
-Alt. graduation dates softball and baseball potentially May 12th to be confirmed at later date

Athletics/Compliance (Rob Bernardi, Carmen Wright, S.J. Tuohy):
-Carmen discussed online only student athletes and having better understanding of what courses they actually need
-Golf men's and women's teams with excellent GPAs
-Working with canvas to provide a view where counselors can see courses
-Discussion of new women's soccer coach
-Burger with discussion on 45 new players through portal for football with 9 in other sports and portal is now closed
-Burger-softball raised over a million dollars
-5 new extension waivers filed and waiting on response, 95% are being denied
-Meeting to come on student athletes and revenue sharing
-Tuohy with overview of basketball, baseball, and softball to date for this season
-Tuohy pleased with portal players and discussion of excellent participation during a community service opportunity
Academics (Carmen Wright):
-Application period for spring graduation has closed.
-Discussion insued on scheduling for summer and fall
-
Equity and Student Well-Being (Leigh Hersey):
-Meeting to be held on February 13th regarding the Healthy Blue sponsorship of a mental health and wellness program. Report will be given next meeting.

Other Business:

- Next meeting will be set for March 12 at 3:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm

CONCLUSIONS	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

Approved by committee/council chair ☒ Yes on