

## University Athletic Committee Report

AY 2018-19

### Members

Joe Sanders	Stan Buchanan	Jeff Harper
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Barry Overpeck	Willie Banks	Diann McKee
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### **Summary of Activities**

UAC met just once during the AY. Normally, the committee would meet up to 4 times. The committee was looking to update its purpose and charge from President Deborah Curtis. She reiterated that the university is committed to athletics.

The committee agreed that changes need to continue to be made to widen the group's reach throughout campus, sharing information with various departments. It was also suggested to look at the idea of creating subcommittees within the group to hopefully engage more faculty members. It was added that if this is done, each member would be taking a more active role within the committee as well.

Other issues/ideas brought before the committee during the meeting included the following:

- SpotterEDU – will start in the spring for at risk athletes. This will help track attendance among other things from an academic standpoint.
- Sycamore Leadership Academy – first year is underway. This is an opportunity for athletes to receive leadership training, made possible through a partnership with Geico.
- JumpForward - system for tracking compliance issues. This has helped streamline the process for student athletes to fill out forms and other documents. It also help with roster management and time management plans for coaches. It works on an app for ease of use as well.
- Elevate – major fundraising effort for athletics. An update was provide that Elevate was on track to surpass initial goal. With an Athletic specific one day of giving planned, the amount raised could go up significantly.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – commemorating Indiana State's historic run as the national runner-up in men's basketball. A big weekend of events is being planned that will bring back the head coach and nearly all the members of that team, including Larry Bird.

Submitted by Mandy Hopton, secretary