



Board of Trustees Athletics and Advancement Committee Meeting  
April 19, 2018  
Agenda

- I. Approval of February 15, 2018 Minutes Action
  
- II. Advancement Information
  - A. Campaign Update
  
- III. Athletics Information
  - A. AAC / ECU Board of Trustees Compliance and Institutional Controls Briefing
  
- IV. Informational Updates in Materials
  - A. Athletics Financial Report
  - B. Athletics Update



**Board of Trustees  
Athletics and Advancement Committee  
April 19, 2018**

Agenda Item:	I. Approval of Feb. 15, 2018 Minutes
Responsible Person:	Edwin Clark, Chair
Action Requested:	Approval
Notes:	N/A

**Minutes**  
**Athletics & Advancement Committee**  
**February 15, 2018**

The Athletics and Advancement Committee met in regular session on February 15, 2018. The committee approved the minutes from the November.

Vice Chancellor Chris Dyba gave a brief Advancement and Campaign update. Vice Chancellor Dyba reported that campaign funding is up to \$169 million. He directed board members to visit the ECU Giving website. He'll bring more updates at the lunch presentation when a representative from the marketing firm 160/90 will be available.

ECU Director of Athletics Jeff Compher reported gave a fall student athlete GPA update. The student athletes have an average of 3.07 GPA, the highest semester GPA in ECU Athletics history. Thirty two student athletes earned a 4.0 GPA and 253 student athletes had a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Associate Director of Athletics JJ McLamb gave an update about the Dowdy Southside Expansion project. The project is currently on schedule and on budget. The old tower is completely down and the parking lot is gone. Construction crews are setting the foundation now for the new tower and steel will start being erected in mid-March. In regards to the timeline, the temporary press box and lights will be in place by first the game in September. The Field Level Club will be in place for the upcoming season. The White Lot premium parking will be available for this football season. Overall, no parking spaces will be lost, there will actually be a net gain of a couple of spaces. The renovations to Ward Sports Medicine Building are on schedule and will be completed by August. The Athletics staff have met with the Elmhurst neighborhood representatives and Elm Hurst elementary school to provide them with an update on construction progress and it was well received. The baseball hitting facility is moving along on time schedule as well.

Mr. Compher provided the board with a human resources update. There have been several new hires, including five new assistant coaches. Mr. Compher also gave an update on the men's basketball coach search. He reported that the advisory group met and have determined it's best to wait until after this basketball season to review candidates. At this point, Mr. Compher is assessing interest and developing a plan for how to proceed once the season is over. The ultimate goal is to have a coach in place following the NCAA tournament.

Phillip Wood gave an update from the Pirate Club. The Pirate Club has raised \$7.5 million dollars toward an \$8 million goal for scholarships. Additionally, the Pirate Club have received \$30 million in financial commitments toward a \$60 million goal for the Dowdy Southside Renovation Project. The Pirate Club has launched a membership campaign branded "All Hands On Deck", which is a road map to get membership up to 20,000 members in five years. This campaign has six main areas of focus: create culture of philanthropy; areas to grow; utilize

volunteers; brand awareness; donor engagement/outreach; improve communication efforts. Mr. Wood also provided information on the new tax law and the implications it will have on future Pirate Club gifts.

Mr. Lee Workman provided the financial report, which was included in board materials.

The committee then moved into closed session. Following closed session, the committee adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Ayers  
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees





**Board of Trustees  
Athletics and Advancement Committee  
April 19, 2018**

Agenda Item:	II. A. Campaign Update
Responsible Person:	Chris Dyba Vice Chancellor for University Adv.
Action Requested:	Information
Notes:	N/A

# ECU Board of Trustees

April 19, 2018





# Fundraising Update

As of April 1, 2018

East Campus	\$ 17,473,335
West Campus	\$ 11,683,758
Athletics	\$ 6,253,467
Total FY 18 to date:	\$ 35,410,560
Campaign Total:	\$180,770,000





# Behind the Curtain

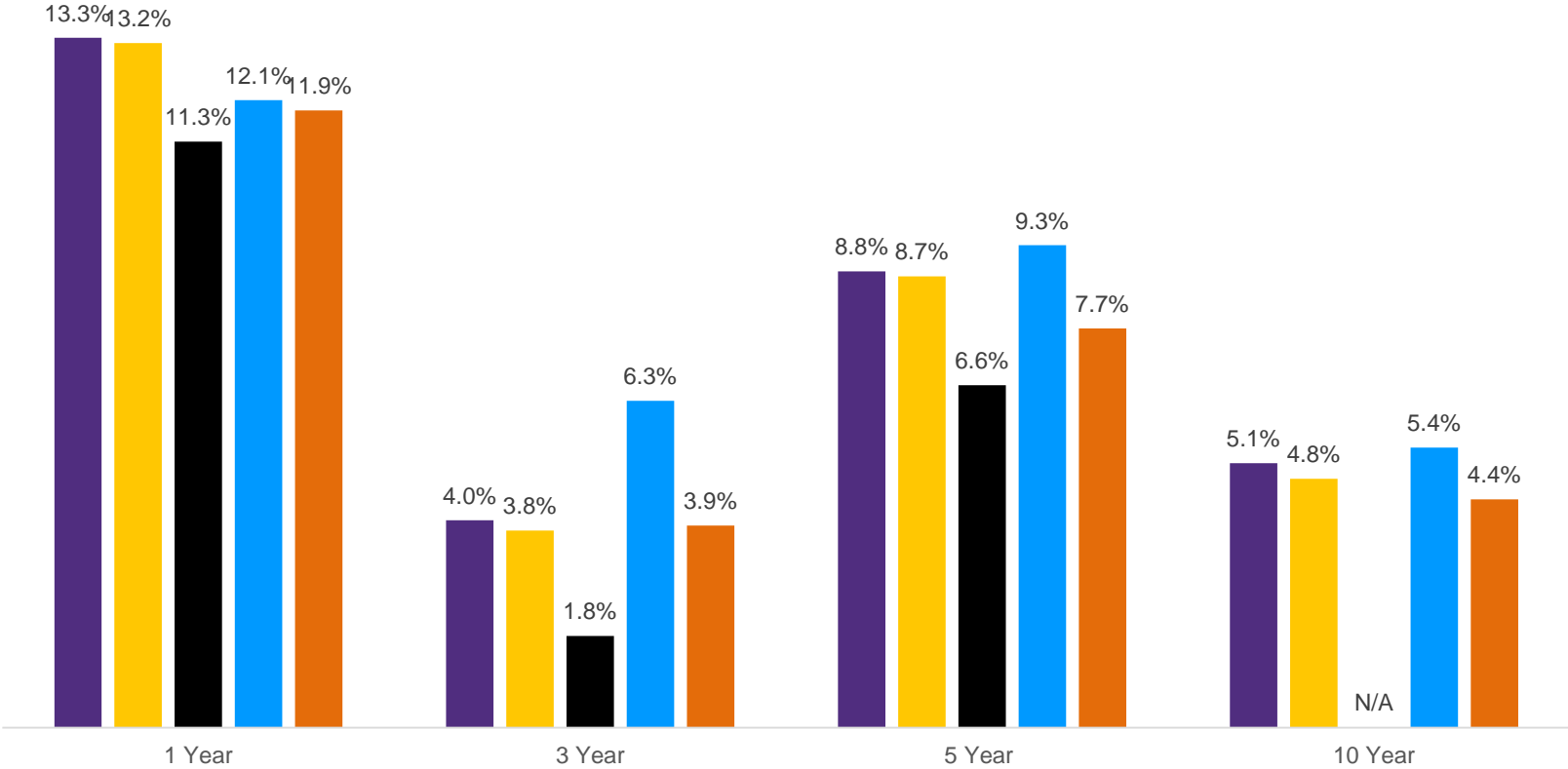
Multiple \$1M+ Gifts  
Scholarships and Endowments  
Biggest Gift in Campaign History



## Investment Highlights

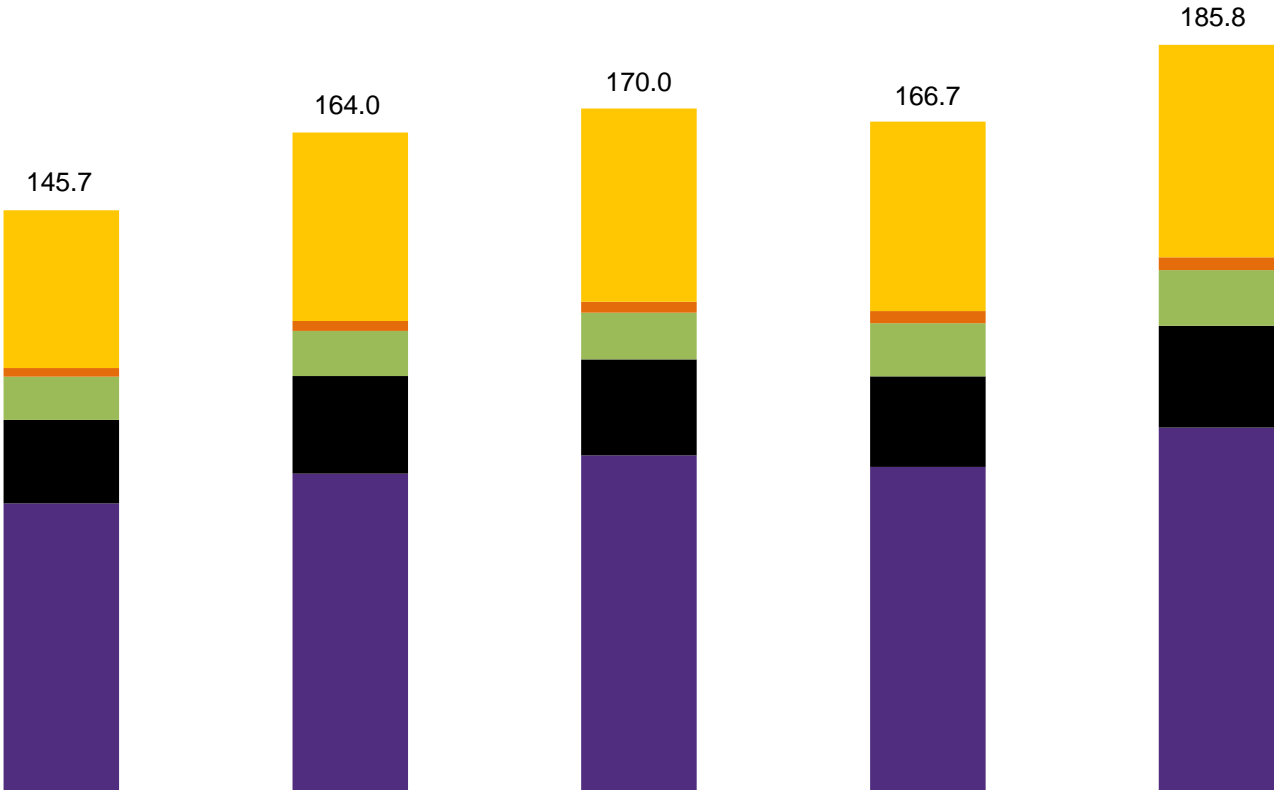
Individual University Foundations'  
Returns v. NACUBO Data  
Market Value of the University  
and Its Foundations

# Individual University Foundations' Returns vs. NACUBO Data



■ ECU Foundation   ■ ECU Endowment   ■ ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation   ■ UNC Mgmt Co   ■ NACUBO Endowments \$51MM - \$100MM

# Market Value of the University and Its Foundations - Consolidated (\$ Millions)



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
ECU Endowment	39,258,416	46,960,283	48,102,575	47,158,737	52,830,323
ECU Alumni	2,167,165	2,465,948	2,680,425	3,005,755	3,158,210
Pirate Club	10,774,419	11,178,259	11,674,226	13,194,070	13,862,563
ECU M&HSF	20,725,877	24,317,926	23,870,527	22,545,064	25,334,510
ECUF	71,775,264	79,142,549	83,686,996	80,828,303	90,625,451

■ ECUF   ■ ECU M&HSF   ■ Pirate Club   ■ ECU Alumni   ■ ECU Endowment





**Board of Trustees  
Athletics and Advancement Committee  
April 19, 2018**

Agenda Item:	III. A. AAC / ECU Board of Trustees Compliance and Institutional Controls
Responsible Person:	Dave Hart / Jamie Johnson ECU Athletics
Action Requested:	Information
Notes:	N/A



**ECU BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMPLIANCE AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL BRIEFING SESSION  
APRIL 19, 2018**



# Educational Compliance Session

- **In a transitional period, it's important that we all start from a place of common understanding and purpose, particularly when it comes to laying the foundation for ethical conduct and NCAA Compliance**
- **Recent cases at other institutions have highlighted the need for clarification of Trustee involvement in athletics matters**

# Overview

- **NCAA Expectations for Institutional Control and the Role of Trustees**
- **Applicable NCAA Legislation**
  - *Interaction with recruits and their families*
  - *Benefits to current student-athletes and their families*
- **Questions and Answers**



# **NCAA Expectations Regarding Institutional Control**

## NCAA Expectations for Institutional Control

### **NCAA Constitution 2.1: “Institutional Control”**

*It is the responsibility of each member institution to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Association. The institution's president or chancellor is responsible for the administration of all aspects of the athletics program, including approval of the budget and audit of all expenditures.*



# NCAA Rules for Institutional Control

## **NCAA Constitution 6.1.1: “President or Chancellor”**

***A member institution’s president or chancellor has ultimate responsibility and final authority for the conduct of the intercollegiate athletics program and the actions of any board in control of that program. The term “president or chancellor” refers to the individual with primary executive authority for an institution and does not include an individual who has executive responsibility over a system of institutions.***



# What is Institutional Control?

- Institutions must establish clear expectation that its staff members and associated individuals follow NCAA rules.
  - Message
  - Policies and Procedures
- Institutions must pay attention to whether or not NCAA rules are followed.
  - Communication
  - Monitoring
- Institutions must follow through when NCAA rules are not followed.
  - Monitoring
  - Apply appropriate penalties

## Board of Trustees' Role In Institutional Control

- ***Oversight and advisory duties***
- ***Specific tasks as requested by President or Chancellor***
- ***Avoid involvement in daily operations of athletics department***
- ***Look to institutional policies and state laws applicable to Trustees/Regents***
- ***Trustees/Regents are held to a much higher standard than fans***

## Board of Trustees' Role In Institutional Control

“In today's world of college athletics, it is the responsibility of all elements of a college or university, **from the regents or trustees** through the president or chancellor to the coaches and athletics department staff, to make certain that not only are the university staff members and student-athletes educated on NCAA rules, **but that the friends and supporters of the athletics program are also educated so they do not harm the program they wish to assist.**”



# Status as a Trustee/Regent

**When one becomes a Trustee/Regent, he or she assumes a new status.**

- ***Greater exposure and Potential Penalties for Institution if Trustee/Regent violates or fails to report rules violations***
- ***Elevated attention if Trustee/Regent is associated with a prospect or student-athlete***
- ***Exercise discretion to avoid questions about actions***

# Recruiting Rules

## **Bylaw 13.02.14 -- Representative of Athletics Interest**

A “booster” is an individual, entity, or other organization that has:

- ***Promoted the institution’s athletics program, either as an individual or a member of an agency or organization;***
- ***Donated to the athletics department or a booster organization;***
- ***Assisted or been requested to assist in recruiting;***
- ***Assisted in providing benefits to student-athletes or relatives;***  
***or***
- ***Otherwise promoted the institution’s athletics program.***

# Recruiting Rules

## **Duration of Booster Status:**

***Once a booster, always a booster***

***(unless University disassociates the person).***

# Recruiting Rules

## Definition of a “Recruit” under NCAA Rules:

***A prospective student-athlete (“recruit”) is a student who has started the 9<sup>th</sup> grade (7<sup>th</sup> grade for men’s basketball). This does not change if a recruit signs a letter of intent with your institution. He or she remains a “recruit” under NCAA rules for most purposes until he or she enrolls full-time and attends classes or practices or competes.***



# Recruiting Rules

## Issues Involving Prospective Student-Athletes:

- **Contact with a Prospect or his/her family**  
*Recruiting contacts on or off campus between a member of the institution's board of governors (or regents) and a prospective student-athlete are not permissible.”- NCAA Bylaw 13.1.2.3(b)*
- **Benefits to a Prospect or his/her family/friends**
- **Employment of a Prospective Student-Athlete**

## Recruiting Rules

### **May a Trustee/Regent do the following?**

- a. Call a recruit to discuss your University?*
- b. Meet a recruit on the field before a home game?*
- c. Meet with a recruit off campus at a high school preview night?*
- d. Take his/her child and the child's recruit friend to an athletics event involving your institution? A professional game?*

## Recruiting Rules

### **May a Trustee/Regent do the following?**

- e. Tweet or write messages to a recruit on Twitter or Facebook?***
- f. Host a recruit or his/her family during a tailgate?***
- g. Host a recruit or his/her family during a tailgate if the Trustee/Regent has a pre-existing relationship with them? or his/her parent(s)?***



# Current Student-Athlete Issues

## Definition of an Extra Benefit:

*“... any special arrangement by an institutional employee or representative of the institution’s athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete family member or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.”*

# Current Student-Athlete Issues

## **Benefits to a Student-Athlete or his/her family/friends**

- ***Assume that Any Benefits Provided Are Impermissible***
- ***Do Not Provide Benefits of Any Sort Without Clearing with Compliance in Advance***
- ***Understand that Your Institution is Responsible for any Violations and Allowing an Ineligible Student-Athlete to Compete***
- ***Rule Continues to Apply After Eligibility Ends***

# Current Student-Athlete Issues

## Employment of a Student-Athlete

### *Summer Employment is Permissible If:*

- *Approved by Compliance Before Any Discussion*
- *Student-Athlete is Qualified for Job*
- *Performs Actual Work*
- *Paid the Going Rate*



# Reporting Violations

- ***Be alert first and foremost to issues involving your institution. If someone appears to be too involved, or you become aware of an issue related to recruiting or current student-athletes, you have duty to report to the University. As a trustee, be very careful not to become too involved or get too close yourself.***
- ***If you have information about another school, report it to President, Chancellor or athletics; don't take matters into your own hands***



**Questions?**



# ECU Compliance Staff

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**Board of Trustees  
Athletics and Advancement Committee  
April 19, 2018**

Agenda Item:	IV. Informational Updates
Responsible Person:	N/A
Action Requested:	Information only
Notes:	A. Athletics Financial Report B. Athletics Update



# EAST CAROLINA

## DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees, Athletics and Advancement Committee

FROM: Lee Workman, Sr. Associate Athletics Director for Administration/CFO

DATE: April 12, 2018

RE: Athletics Report

Joe Dooley was introduced on April 5, 2018 as ECU's Head Men's Basketball Coach. Coach Dooley has hit the ground running with his focus on hiring new staff, recruiting and establishing a culture of success with the current men's basketball student-athletes.

The ECU baseball team is ranked third in the American Athletic Conference. The team is ranked in the Top 20 in all six national polls with the highest at #7 in D1 Baseball. Head Coach Cliff Godwin was named to the 2018 Collegiate National Team coaching staff serving as the third base coach and hitting coach. The baseball Pirates are also ranked #21 nationally in total attendance and #23 in average attendance. ECU will submit bids to host a Regional and Super Regional round of the NCAA Baseball Championship.

ECU released the 2018 Pirate football schedule in February featuring seven home games that includes contests against seven bowl qualifiers and two undefeated conference champions from 2017. Future games against Marshall, Georgia State, and Wake Forest have been announced this spring.

It was announced March 16<sup>th</sup> by Chancellor Staton that Dave Hart would serve as Special Advisor to the Chancellor for Athletics over the next six months. Mr. Hart's first priority was to lead a rebooted search for the Head Men's Basketball Coach.

The Pirate Club Armada spring tour begins May 3 in Richmond, VA. Eight Armada events will be conducted in the month of May.

Both the Southside stadium renovation and new hitting facility projects are ongoing. The Ward Sports Medicine Building first floor renovation for the football locker room, new team lounge, athletic training center and equipment room is moving full speed ahead for completion this summer.

At this time, the 2017-18 budget is projecting in line with its original budget projection. As reported previously, the revenue distribution from the AAC is anticipated to be higher than projection due to the overall conference success in 2017 football. The NCAA announced this spring a one time NCAA revenue supplement distribution that ECU has received. This unexpected revenue will assist to offset ticket revenue not reaching projection. Revenue and expenses will continue to be monitored through internal management processes that are in place. The 2018-19 athletics budget development is in process.





**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC FUND**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2017 - 18**

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Projected</b>
	<b><u>7/1/2017</u></b>	<b><u>3/31/2018</u></b>	<b><u>6/30/2018</u></b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>
				<b><u>Budget</u></b>
Pirate Club Scholarship Pledge	6,280,400	1,050,000	6,280,400	0
Football Ticket Revenue	6,400,000	5,858,205	5,872,307	(527,693)
Men's Basketball Ticket Revenue	440,000	371,334	359,227	(80,773)
Women's Basketball Ticket Revenue	40,000	36,573	33,477	(6,523)
Baseball Ticket Revenue	360,000	253,168	346,965	(13,035)
Student Fees	15,558,900	15,222,935	15,558,900	0
NCAA / AAC Distributions	3,775,000	168,230	4,386,440	611,440
Concessions and Licensing	1,300,000	587,738	1,300,000	0
Athletic Guarantees	261,000	221,000	261,000	0
Sports Marketing	1,750,000	6,196	1,750,000	0
NCAA Student Assistance Fund	355,136	355,136	355,136	0
Other Sports Fundraising/Events	56,984	56,984	56,984	0
Other (Other Sports Tickets, Football parking, Processing Fees, Non Athletic Events, Misc.)	1,231,750	411,295	1,248,334	16,584
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ <u>37,809,170</u></b>	<b><u>24,598,794</u></b>	<b><u>37,809,170</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Projected</b>
	<b><u>7/1/2017</u></b>	<b><u>3/31/2018</u></b>	<b><u>6/30/2018</u></b>	<b>Under/(Over)</b>
				<b><u>Budget</u></b>
Administration	2,650,613	2,052,053	2,650,613	0
Repairs / Replacements	571,850	606,919	571,850 **	0
Facilities	820,700	697,954	820,700	0
Home Game Operations	1,697,300	1,467,810	1,697,300	0
Conference Championship Travel	622,700	298,962	622,700	0
Spirit Groups	51,400	205,270	51,400	0
Other Support Services	7,608,687	4,859,519	7,608,687	0
Football	8,950,600	7,812,897	8,950,600	0
Men's Basketball	2,933,750	2,272,316	2,933,750	0
Other Men's Sports	3,494,432	2,942,816	3,494,432	0
Women's Basketball	2,000,050	1,640,592	2,000,050	0
Other Women's Sports	5,762,536	5,106,656	5,762,536	0
NCAA Student Assistance Fund	355,136	210,169	355,136	0
Other Sports Fundraising/Events	56,984	54,721	56,984	0
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b><u>37,576,738</u></b>	<b><u>30,228,654</u></b>	<b><u>37,576,738</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Net Operating Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>232,432</b>	<b>(5,629,860)</b>	<b>232,432</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Debt Service - DFS Student Section</b>	<b>1,211,482</b>	<b>1,089,018</b>	<b>1,211,482</b>	
<b>Fund Balance Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>\$ <u>(979,050)</u></b>	<b><u>(6,718,878)</u></b>	<b><u>(979,050)</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>(2,319,349)</b>		<b>(2,319,349)</b>	
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ <u>(3,298,399)</u></b>		<b><u>(3,298,399)</u></b>	

NOTE - FY 16-17 Athletic Grant In Aid total cost exceeded Pirate Club Scholarship funding by \$ 2,457,000

\*\* - Approximately \$50,000 of expenses are in the process of being reallocated to the correct budgets.

# ECU ATHLETICS

## *2017-2018 Informational Sport Recaps – Spring Update*

### BASEBALL

- The Pirates entered a weekend non-conference series at Washington with a 22-6 overall record and a 4-2 AAC ledger (tied for first).
- ECU is currently ranked in six national polls: *Baseball America* (No. 11), *D1Baseball* (No. 12), *USA Today/Coaches* (No. 13), *NCBWA* (No. 14), *Perfect Game* (No. 17) and *Collegiate Baseball* (No. 18), marking the third-straight week ECU has been ranked in all six polls and sixth consecutive week in at least one poll.
- The Pirates own a 6-4 record against nationally-ranked teams, including series wins over No. 6 North Carolina, No. 20 UCF and No. 18 Wichita State.
- Sophomore Trey Benton earned AAC Pitcher-of-the-Week honors on Feb. 26 after striking out a career-high 11 batters and limiting No. 6 North Carolina to one run (unearned) on two hits in six innings in the Pirates' 2-1 win.
- Six Pirates have been named to the AAC Honor Roll for their weekly performances: Connor Litton (Feb. 19), Chris Holba (Feb. 26, March 5), Alec Bursleson (March 12), Brady Lloyd (March 19, March 26), Ryan Ross (March 26) and Tyler Smith (April 2).
- ECU ranks among the national leaders (Top 25) in road record (7-1/1st), fielding percentage (.984/fourth), shutouts (5/fourth), ERA (2.94/20<sup>th</sup>), defensive runs per game (3.5 rpg/12<sup>th</sup>), walks allowed per 9 innings (2.86/12<sup>th</sup>), win/loss percentage (.769/14<sup>th</sup>), strikeout-to-walk ration(2.82/23<sup>rd</sup>) and WHIP (1.23/24<sup>th</sup>).
- Lloyd enters this week's action batting .440, which leads The American and ranks fifth in the nation. He also stands 16th nationally in on-base percentage (.511).
- Smith (1.07/ninth) and Holba (1.35/19<sup>th</sup>) are among the national leaders in ERA.
- Holba is tied for the national lead with sixth wins.
- Benton ranks second nationally in strikeout-to-walk ratio (13.33) and sixth in walks allowed per 9 innings (0.69).
- The Pirates concluded their annual Mustache March campaign helping raise over \$10,000 (\$21,000 the last three years) to StrikeOutALS.
- Head Coach Cliff Godwin was named to the 2018 Collegiate National Team Coaching Staff on Feb. 14. He will serve as third base and hitting coach under National Team Manager and current LSU Head Coach Paul Mainieri. This will be Godwin's second stint working with USA Baseball after spending the summer of 2017 on the 14U National Team Program (NTSP) staff, where he led the Stars to a 3-0 series win over the Stripes at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, N.C.
- The Pirates currently rank No. 19 nationally in total attendance (51,666) and No. 22 in average attendance (2,719).

### BASKETBALL (MEN)

- ECU finished the season with an overall record of 10-20 and 4-14 in the American Athletic Conference, placing 11<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams.
- Freshman Shawn Williams was tabbed The American Rookie-of-the-Year and was named to the all-rookie team. Williams was named the league's rookie-of-the-week four times, tying the conference record. He was the only unanimous choice on the all-rookie team.
- Williams led The American in free throw shooting at 87.8 percent (65-74). He set the ECU freshman record for most 3-point field goals made in a season with 72.
- Senior B.J. Tyson was invited to participate in the inaugural Dos Equis 3X3U National Championship in conjunction with the 2018 NCAA Division I Men's Final Four in San Antonio.
- Tyson concluded his ECU career as the school's fifth all-time leading scorer with 1,570 points, which is second-most in American Athletic Conference history. He also finished his career ranked among the program's all-time top-10 in games played (120), field goals made (569), free throws made (311), assists (268), steals (107) and minutes played (3,589).
- Joe Dooley was officially hired as the program's new head coach on April 4 (and formally introduced at a press conference April 5). His appointment also marks his second stint guiding the Pirates (1995-99). Dooley spent the previous five years at Florida Gulf Coast where he led the Eagles to five conference titles and five consecutive 20-win seasons

### BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

- ECU finished with a 16-15 overall record, including a 7-9 mark against American Athletic Conference opponents to earn a No. 7 seed in the league's postseason tournament.
- The Pirates advanced to the quarterfinals of the AAC Tournament following an 85-74 win over No. 10 SMU in the first round.
- The tournament win earned head coach Heather Macy her sixth conference tourney victory in eight years, including three of the last four seasons in the American.
- Including the conference tournament triumph, ECU notched eight total wins over AAC opponents in 2017-18 - the second-most since joining the conference in 2014-15.

- Lashonda Monk was selected to the AAC All-Freshman Team, marking the program's first-ever player to receive the honor.
- With a 59-57 win at Tulsa on Feb. 20, ECU earned its first regular season sweep of a conference foe since the 2015-16 season.
- Monk became the program's second-ever player to be selected as AAC Freshman-of-the-Week (Feb. 5).

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

- No developments and/or news of interest during spring semester to date.

### **FOOTBALL**

- ECU released its 2018 schedule, and in addition to featuring seven home games for the second consecutive season, the Pirates' slate includes contests against seven bowl qualifiers and a pair of undefeated conference champions from a year ago. In addition to its customary eight AAC games, ECU will face N.C. A&T (Sept. 1), North Carolina (Sept. 8), Virginia Tech (Sept. 15) and Old Dominion (Sept. 29) in non-conference action.
- Head coach Scottie Montgomery announced the addition of two more signees to his 2018 class – DL Dorian Hardy (Fr., Elizabeth, N.J.) and RB Ty Thompson (Fr., Tampa, Fla.) – to join 19 recruits who signed with the Pirates during the early December period.
- The Pirates conducted spring drills from February 19 to March 24 looking to fill six offensive openings and a quartet of defensive slots under new coordinator David Blackwell. ECU returns 54 percent of its lettermen heading into its fifth year of AAC play and the same percentage of its positional starters (5/offense, 7/defense) from 2017. Additionally, a little over half of the Pirates' 2018 spring/summer roster consists of upperclassmen (38 of 75; 17 seniors and 21 juniors).
- Redshirt freshman running back Trace Christian accounted for three rushing touchdowns, including a game-winning 22-yarder late in fourth quarter, to lift the Gold squad to a 21-14 victory over the Purple unit as ECU concluded spring practice March 24 with its annual Purple-Gold Game on Bagwell Field inside Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium.
- ECU conducted its annual Senior Pro Day on March 29. A total of 20 players who wrapped up their eligibility after the 2017 season completed testing in the Murphy Center and on Hight Field in front of a group of 25 scouts, coaches and miscellaneous personnel representing the National Football League (NFL), Canadian Football League (CFL) and other professional franchises. After physical (height, weight, hand, arm) measurements were taken, the former Pirates were tested in the vertical jump, broad jump and bench press before moving outside for 40-yard dash and short shuttle course times, along with various positional workouts.
- The Pirates announced they have extended their home-and-home football series with Marshall and added a pair of games against Georgia State. ECU and the Thundering Herd, who are already on the books to meet in 2020 and 2021, will now also play in 2023 and 2025. The Pirates and Panthers will open their series with a 2023 contest in Atlanta before returning to Greenville in 2028. In another scheduling development, ECU confirmed that its 2020 home contest against West Virginia has been pushed back to Sept. 19, 2026 to accommodate a request by the Mountaineers.
- Additionally, ECU and Wake Forest agreed to a two-year home-and-home football series in 2027 and 2028. Including 2018 (North Carolina & Virginia Tech), the Pirates' schedule has featured at least one Atlantic Coast Conference opponent for 23 consecutive years. Moving forward, ACC foes also currently appear on ECU's future schedules in 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2027 and 2028.

### **GOLF (MEN)**

- The Pirates are currently ranked 77 in the latest NCAA Men's Golf Team Rankings according to Golfstat. Approximately 80 are selected for the NCAA Men's Golf Championships each season.
- ECU has played in five tournaments this spring, posting its best finish of first in the ECU Intercollegiate at Brook Valley Country Club on April 2-3.
- The Pirates finished ahead of three ranked teams (No. 23 North Florida, No. 26 South Carolina, No. 31 NC State) at the 2018 General Hackler Championships in Myrtle Beach (March 10-11).
- Sophomore Blake Taylor has posted the Pirates' lowest tournament score in two of the first four tournaments of the spring.
- The 2017 American Athletic Conference Championships will be held April 22-24 at the Innisbrook Golf Resort in Palm Harbor, Fla.

### **GOLF (WOMEN)**

- As of April 3, the Pirates were ranked No. 45 nationally by *Golfstat*.
- ECU owns a 96-30 overall record (.762) after completing the Charleston Invitational (April 2-3).
- In five team events during the spring, the Pirates finished second at the UCF Challenge, second at River Landing, sixth at Lady Puerto Rico Classic, eighth at Briar's Creek Invitational and third at the Charleston Invitational. They also defeated instate foe UNC Wilmington 5-2 in an 18-hole match play event.



- The Pirates 54-hole score of 868 at River Landing was the 10th-lowest in program history, while their third round score of 280 was tied for fifth.
- Junior Kate Law finished tied for fourth at River Landing with a score of 215 (1-under par), her second-best finish of the season (other: tied for first at Pirate Collegiate Classic in the fall of 2017).
- Freshman Kathryn Carson claimed a share of seventh place at the UCF Challenge with a score of 217 (1-over par) for her best career finish.
- Junior Carley Cox has recorded five Top 20 finishes on the season, which includes seventh place at the Lady Pureto Rico Classic (222) and a share of 12th at the UCF Challenge (219).
- For the first time in program history, the Pirates have four golfers ranked in the Top 250 nationally by *Golfstat* in Dorthea Forbrigd (No. 136), Carley Cox (No. 211), Lisa Pettersson (No. 229) and Kathryn Carson (No. 232).
- Forbrigd leads the Pirates with a 73.04 stroke average in nine events, followed by Cox (73.96), Pettersson (74.12) and Carson (74.23).

### **LACROSSE**

- ECU played it's first-ever women's lacrosse game on Feb. 10 against George Washington (L, 18-7) with a crowd of 584 in attendance on a cold and rainy Saturday afternoon.
- The Pirates won their first game a week later with a 15-14 victory at Gardner-Webb on Feb. 18.
- ECU recorded its first-ever win inside Johnson Stadium with a 16-2 triumph over Delaware State on March 24.
- ECU has three games remaining this season, all on the road: at Michigan (April 21), at Cincinnati (April 23) and at Duke (May 6).

### **SOCCER**

- First-year head coach Jason Hamilton announced the addition of Brad Keller (Feb. 14) and Emily Buccilla (Feb. 26) to his coaching staff as an assistants.
- ECU secured commitments from nine incoming student-athletes on Feb. 12 for the upcoming 2018 season.

### **SOFTBALL**

- ECU is 15-22 following an April 3 non-conference loss at Campbell. The Pirates are also 1-5 in American Athletic Conference play in advance of a home series with Memphis April 6-8.
- According to the latest NCAA statistical release (April 2), ECU has played the No. 51 toughest schedule in the nation. Of the Pirates' 36 contests thus far, exactly half (18) have been against teams with a top 100 RPI.
- Redshirt sophomore infielder Tate McClellan was named the AAC Player of the Week Feb. 19. She hit .457 (7-for-15) with two runs scored, three doubles, three RBI, two walks and a stolen base to lead ECU to a 4-1 showing at the Pirate Clash in Greenville. McClellan posted a slugging percentage of .667 and a .556 on base mark for a 1.223 OPS while recording a hit in every contest during the weekend.
- ECU currently owns wins over three teams that played in a NCAA Regional last season – Longwood, JMU (twice) and FIU. Each of the four victories has occurred away from home, including two true road wins at JMU and FIU.
- Underclassmen have played significant roles for the Pirates this year. Freshman outfielder Tyler King has started every game and leads the team in batting average (.311) and hits (37). Additionally, rookie pitchers Erin Poepping and Whitney Sanford have combined to throw 181.1 innings with 103 strikeouts. Four of the top five hitters in this year's lineup are either freshmen or sophomores.

### **SWIMMING & DIVING**

- The men's swimming and diving team finished in second-place at the 2018 American Athletic Conference Championships, snapping its string of three consecutive conference titles. The women's squad finished in third-place.
- The men's team finished .500 or better during the dual meet season for the 35th consecutive season with a record of 6-5, while the women registered their 26th straight winning campaign with a dual meet record of 8-4.
- Twenty ECU swimming and diving student-athletes were recognized with all-conference accolades in 13 individual events and seven relays.
- Senior Vendela Norrman was named the women's recipient of the Commissioner's Postgraduate Leadership Award.

### **TENNIS (MEN)**

- The Pirates have compiled a dual match record of 18-4 this spring with four matches left in the regular season. They are one victory shy of matching the school record of 19 wins set in 2009.
- ECU won 10 straight dual matches from Feb. 24 – March 24.
- The Pirates have a record of 10-1 at home this season and will play three of its final four dual matches at River Birch Tennis Center.

- Sophomore Javier Renones is unbeaten in dual match play this spring with a record of 15-0, He has an overall individual record of 21-5 for the 2017-18 season.
- The American Athletic Conference Championships will be held April 19-22 in Dallas.

### **TENNIS (WOMEN)**

- The Pirates are 12-8 during the spring campaign with five matches remaining in the regular season.
- ECU is undefeated, 4-0, when playing at home in 2018.
- After becoming the first player in program history to earn a national ranking (March, 2017), Celia Ruiz has remained as one of the top players in Division I with a current ranking of No. 63.
- ECU signee Minette Van Vreden, a native of Strand, Western Cape, South Africa, was selected to the 2018 Fed Cup Team that will participate in the Euro/Africa Group III in Montenegro this April.
- The Pirates will wrap up their campaign at the 2018 American Athletic Conference Championship Tournament April 17-21 in Dallas, Texas.

### **TRACK & FIELD**

- Just two weeks into the outdoor season, the Pirates set a pair of school records at the Raleigh Relays. Freshman Sommer Knight recorded a pole vault mark of 3.95 meters while junior Grace Sullivan ran a 10:26.02 in 3,000-meter steeplechase. Sullivan currently leads the American Conference in her event.
- At the American Athletic Conference Indoor Championships, the women finished in fourth place as a team with 72.83 points, bettering their placement from last year's meet by four spots. The men were edged out for seventh place by USF, 36-35.5.
- A pair of ECU men captured individual conference titles at the league indoor meet in juniors Stefano Migliorati (800m) and Ryan Davis (weight throw). Davis set a meet record with a toss of 21.00 meters – the third-longest mark in program history.
- Davis earned his first career AAC Male Field Athlete of the Week honor Jan. 30 after recording a then league-best weight throw mark of 20.51 meters.
- ECU competed well in its second meet of the season at VMI. The women won the meet in landslide fashion, topping the 17-team field, while the men placed third out of 16 competing squads during the two-day event. Senior Galissia Cause set a school record in the indoor shot put for the second-straight weekend, recording a toss of 16.01 meters to top her previous mark of 15.68. She was one of six event wins for the Pirates in the meet.
- The Pirates won five event titles at their indoor season-opening meet – the Dick Taylor Carolina Cup held in Chapel Hill.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

- Moneshia Simmons was named an assistant coach for the program in March. She recently completed a professional playing career in Sweden and turned in a decorated collegiate career at Clemson. During the 2015-16 Swedish League season, Simmons was named the top outside hitter as well as the second-best hitter in the circuit. As a student-athlete at Clemson (2010-13), Simmons earned AVCA All-East Region and First-Team All-ACC honors as a senior and graduated as one of just seventh players in school history to eclipse 1,000 career kills and digs.
- The Pirates opened their spring campaign March 18 at NC State against the host Wolfpack and Charlotte. The teams played three sets to 25 points and one to 15. ECU won two of the first three sets versus NC State, a 2017 NCAA Tournament team, by scores of 25-22, 14-25 and 25-15 before dropping the fourth 14-16. The Pirates then fell in three of four sets to the 49ers 16-25, 25-22, 24-26 and 10-15. ECU will play in a tournament at Duke April 7 before wrapping up the spring campaign April 14 at home.
- Setter Shelby Martin, who was named the 2017 American Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year back in November, made the trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., March 2-4 to participate in the USA Volleyball Women's National Team Open Tryouts at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.