**ATHLETICS TASK FORCE**

**Minutes**

**March 9, 2020**

**Sub-Committee reports**

Cessna Stadium committee update

Looking into potentially starting the take down of stadium seating at Cessa by Oct 1. Group wants to put together multiple options regarding phases and land use.

Questioning where the funding would come from and why start prior to having funding. Concerns expressed about Cessna demo and no plan in place to rebuild.

Can track be scheduled around the construction? Is there a strategy to cause minimal disruption to track? The resurfacing of the track is 1 year old; there are some concerns about the timeline or phases of construction if fund raising and demo is done at the same time.

Some brief discussion about the stadium demo regardless of soccer decision due to safety concerns. Golden has repeatedly stated that good money won’t be wasted on bad buildings – Cessna undoubtedly falls into this category.

Feedback from Textron doesn’t have any objection of the stadium coming down. No conversation about their further involvement has taken place.

e-Sports committee update

The sub-committee is finalizing a draft of the e-Sports report, including trends in market and level of support. This will also include the possibilities associated with a potential arena on campus.

Stacia is working on an MOU with Midwest e-Sports regarding the potential arena.

Soccer committee update

Sport would impact on SASO fund. Looking at how many scholarships are necessary. Women’s team would have 24 players. Estimates of $1M needed to annual budget to cover staff if soccer added. Some discussion about the necessary space and other needed resources such as academic advisors and athletic trainers. Group seems to have general consensus that soccer would have a positive impact on the culture of campus and community, but a plan for funding should be addressed prior to committing.

Sub-committees requested to submit minutes from their meetings. We are halfway through the task force timeline.