

Minutes from the University Athletic Committee Meeting  
February 15, 2006

Those present were:

Ralph Gold, Howard Walthall, Lori Northrup, Bruce Waldrop, Greg Kawell,  
Peter Neuberger, April Howell, Chris Metress, Audrey Oyama, and Bob Roller

Those absent were:

Bill Belski, Brad Sargent, and Gerald Bray

The meeting began with the topic of the revised Academic Support Services Survey. Bill Belski has been revising this instrument. Ralph will meet with Bill, discuss updates, and forward the updated instrument to all members of the committee.

Ralph reported that the Provost's Office called to verify that this committee has been meeting this year.

There was discussion of a comparison of overall freshman class GPA's and ACT/SAT scores to student athlete's scores and GPA's. The committee reviewed the Freshman Admissions stats that were discussed at the last meeting. Peter suggested looking at the numbers of student athletes who had been referred for academic action. For the next meeting, Peter will try to get this comparison/interpretation. He also reported that no student athletes were lost from fall to spring; and reminded the committee that Athletic Dept. stats usually refer to scholarship students.

Ralph then distributed copies of the updated mission statement which has been revised by Howard. The committee voted to review the updates and vote for final approval/disapproval at the March 15 meeting.

There followed a discussion of exit interviews with graduating seniors. Peter explained that a random sample of graduating seniors had been used in the past. The committee asked to see the standard set of questions that have been used. There was some discussion of the value of written vs. face-to-face interviews. It was stated that comments might be received on written surveys that would not appear in face-to-face interviews. The committee will review the exit survey questions at the March meeting.

April Howell reported that the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) would be meeting soon to discuss some recurring student athletic issues. She will report on this meeting at the March meeting. Some student athletes have been concerned about hours of and intensity of practices. Ralph asked if there is an avenue for student athlete voices, i.e., someone to whom students can go without fear of disclosure. Bob indicated that students seemed to know they had avenues in athletic department administrators and some coaches. Peter said that students are often unaware of their representation and voice via SAAC representatives; students may not realize that they have a representative. April agreed with his assessment. The SAAC was started 7 or 8 years ago. Chris noted that as a practice OVC representatives are not there, but that administration of the athletic

dept. is represented usually. Greg suggested making faculty more aware of the SAAC so that faculty advisors will know to whom to refer student athletes with concerns.

Items to be discussed at the next meeting are:

Compare overall freshman class ACT/SAT scores and GPA to student athletes' results

Review numbers of student athletes in athletic action

Discuss the rough draft of the revised Academic Support Services Survey

Approve/disapprove the revised mission statement

The next meeting will be March 15, 2006.