

Joint Meeting of the ACA and FAOCIA

December 6, 2007

Minutes of the Meeting

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PRESENT: Doug Hartmann (chair), Tom Brothen, Tim Johnson, J.T. Bruett, Rich Weinberg, Luke Silovich, Laurie McLaughlin, Regina Sullivan (for Joel Maturi), Clair Grimwald, Virginia Zuiker, Mark Nelson, Ron Greene, Melissa Avery, Jon Loveall, Mark Seeley, Murray Jensen, Linda Brady and Patrick Walsh

REGRETS: Linda Mona, Jerry Noyce, Duane Nelson

ABSENT: None

Professor Hartmann called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He explained the process for the review of the 2007 NCAA Proposed Legislation. Prior to its review by the ACA and FAOCIA (today's meeting), the legislation has been reviewed by coaches, athletics director (and management), Faculty Reps, Compliance, Academic Counseling, and the ACA Subcommittee on Conference Issues, chaired by Professor Ronald Greene. J.T. Bruett, director of Compliance, prepared the grid, which provides an explanation and intent of the legislation. The committee would be voting on what is considered to be the most important legislation. J.T. will record the votes and then forward them on to the NCAA.

Before embarking on the legislation, Professor Hartmann reported on the NCAA Certification program that the University would be participating in.

- The program began in 1990 and the NCAA Athletics Certification is done once every ten years (this is a change from the original process which was once every five years). The University was certified during the first cycle in February 2001.

The Certification program's purpose is to:

- Ensure a member institution's commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics.
- Review the alignment and integration of athletics with the University mission.
- Give institutions an opportunity to review and confirm their congruency with NCAA operating principles in three basic areas: a) academic integrity; b) equity and student-athlete well-being; and c) governance and a commitment to rules compliance.
- Share the affairs/business of the Athletic Department with the institutional community and public.
- Give the University the opportunity to celebrate and share what we are doing well and develop plans for improvement in those areas that may need it.

The benefits of doing a self-study include:

- Self-awareness
- Affirmation
- Opportunities to improve

The timeline for the process is that a report will be developed during September to April, with information collected and consultation conducted. The self-study report will be submitted to the NCAA on May 1, 2008. A peer-review team will make a campus visit fall 2008 and will submit their findings to the Athletics Certification Committee. The Athletics Certification Committee will render a decision in February 2009.

Next, J.T. Bruett led the committee through the discussion and voting process of the legislation. The final document produced by J.T.'s office will serve as the official record and serve as the minutes of the voting section of this meeting.

After two hours of deliberation, the meeting was adjourned.

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