

Advisory Committee on Athletics (ACA)

Minutes of the meeting

April 3, 2008

[In these minutes: Update on COIA, NCAA Self-study Update, Report from the Equity Subcommittee, reports from the athletics director, compliance director, MAC director, and committee chair]

PRESENT: Doug Hartmann (chair), Joel Maturi, Rich Weinberg, Luke Silovich, Clare Grimwood, Laurie McLaughlin, Melissa Avery, J. T. Bruett, Mark Nelson, Ron Greene, Patrick Walsh, Virginia Zuiker, Jon Lovall, Tom Brothen, Linda Brady

REGRETS: Linda Mona, Jerry Noyce

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Gary Engstrand (Senate Office)

Professor Hartmann called the meeting to order and introduced Gary Engstrand, Secretary to the Faculty, University Senate Office, to provide an overview and update on the activities of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (hereafter COIA). He specifically wanted the committee's reaction to a statement the COIA Steering Committee was considering making about a ranking system for athletic progress in terms of academics, finances, compliance, student-welfare, campus governance and fiscal responsibility. The results would be distributed to assist faculty and others concerned with reform in college sports and to supply potential student-athletes with useful information when selecting athletic programs in which to participate. COIA would establish the ranking criteria and algorithm. Data could be collected on yes/no or closed-end measurement scales. The Curley Center for Sports Journalism at Penn State will take the lead in this effort, by conducting a literature review on rankings, inventory existing data sets in college sports, and design the study, collect and analyze the data, and write the reports. Professor

Hartmann asked Engstrand to provide the historical background for COIA, which he did. Several members suggested that he review the work of the Self-study that was underway to learn more about the University of Minnesota's approach. Professor Hartmann pointed questioned ranking versus rating, as he believed it would be very difficult to rank schools according to these data. Creating measures is one thing, one member opinioned, but implementing is very difficult. Another member questioned the reason for doing it at all. Gary responded that the COIA thinks that the athletics and academic missions are not aligned. He added that the University of Minnesota looks good because of the vigilant checks and balances. Professor Hartman thanked him for apprising the committee of the COIA's activities.

## **REPORTS**

Professor Doug Hartmann reported:

- The NCAA Self-study is no public and on-line. He encouraged members to review it. The report will be submitted to the NCAA by May 1, 2008.
- The NCAA site visit will be conducted in fall 2008.
- The Coach/Faculty Conversation Series would be held on April 14/
- Chairs of the Task Force committees had lunch with the Provost

Professor Melissa Avery reported:

- The ACA Equity Subcommittee has and is working on the Equity and Minority Opportunity Plans for the NCAA Self-study. The subcommittee will be involved and will likely be called on to work on the 5-year plan.

Joel Maturi, athletics director, reported:

- The status and update on the sports teams
- Budget – upcoming year will be a challenge – out of the 25 sports only three generate revenue
- Stadium is on time and on budget
- Point system for seating at the stadium – faculty and staff will get a reduced rate but not preferential seating
- May 4<sup>th</sup> is the second annual Golden Goldies, sponsored by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee

J.T. Bruett, director, Compliance reported:

- He is in the process of filling the assistant director position, noting that the General Counsel's office is the final hiring authority

Mark Nelson, director, MAC reported:

- He would be hosting the April 25 Spring Football Game and encouraged all faculty and staff to attend.

Hearing no further business, Professor Hartmann adjourned the meeting.

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