

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee

August 18, 2011

Present: Brett Bennett, Wilson Campbell, Mary Adams, Barbara Michaelides, Ulas Ograk, Sammie Bruscato, Bob Cage, Anthony Walker, Roxanne Cassel, Bobby Staub, Tasha Fisher

Absent: Anthony Malta, Kevin Unter, Nate Brown

The meeting opened at 3 pm with introductions. Bennett announced the need for a secretary, and Adams volunteered. The cmte then turned to the agenda.

**Bennett:** The president has recommended a change to Guideline Item 3.3, which would mean that the Chair of UAAAC serves as Assistant Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) while the Vice Chair of UAAAC serves as FAR.

Michaelides moved to accept this change, and Walker seconded. This means that Bennet will serve as FAR. Bennett has updated Items 3.3 and 4.44 to reflect this change.

Bennett suggested that the UAAAC begin a Moodle for information sharing and communication. Community members noted that they do not have Moodle access. We will, therefore, retain email as a method of correspondence, in addition to our Moodle site.

Bennett then turned the floor over to our reports:

**AD Report:**

Staub gave an enthusiastic introduction to Fall Athletics. We have a number of upgrades to our facilities. Softball has new dugouts and scoreboard. Soccer has new scoreboard. Baseball has new scoreboard and upgrades to locker room and press box. Football has new chairback seating, which is far more spacious and comfortable. "Fans will be very excited by what they see." Staub noted that much time has been devoted to the Academic Progress Rate (APR). He has met with all coaches concerning APR. He has also submitted a Strategic Plan to Dr. Bruno, which may be modified in the next month or two.

Staub then highlighted ULM's upcoming Athletic events and promotions:

\*8/19 SOCCER @ Central Arkansas

\*8/21 SOCCER @ Nicholls State

\*8/23 SOCCER vs. Northwestern State

\*8/28 SOCCER vs. Southern

\*8/30 VB vs. McNeese State

#### Other Events of Interest:

\*8/20 Back to School Bash on Saturday at Malone Stadium. The free evening will include a scrimmage by the Warhawk football team and an exclusive viewing of *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* on the new high definition video board.

\*8/30 ULM Athletic Foundation will host its annual Kickoff Celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 30, in Fant-Ewing Coliseum beginning at 6 p.m.

\*Hawktalk will now be held on campus in the SUB each Wednesday during football season from 12-1 pm. It will broadcast live on ESPN Radio.

\*Quarterbacks Club lunches will begin Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*Cane's will hold a ULM promotion on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Senior Compliance Administrator Report:**

Fisher distributed eligibility requirements for **continuing** student athletes. These include fulfillment of credit hour requirements, fulfillment of percentage toward degree requirements, and minimum GPA requirements. Other requirements relate to remedial courses, designation of degree, and repeated courses.

Additionally, Fisher reviewed new requirements for football, including regulations that now prevent a player from competing in first 4 football games if the student did not complete enough hours in the previous fall to spring semester. There are, however, exceptions and opportunities to regain some of those 4 games.

#### **FAR Report:**

Bennett gave a brief explanation of our role and delineated the four subcommittees:

- 1) Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance
- 2) Academic Integrity
- 3) Equity and Student Well-Being
- 4) Fiscal Integrity

Fisher gave additional details on the various subcmtes. Bennett then distributed sign-up sheets, asking us to tentatively choose one of the four. Bennett also discussed the UAAAC responsibilities as covered in Item 2.3 of our Guidelines. Members were urged to carefully review those responsibilities.

#### **Other Business:**

\*The group decided to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 4 pm in the Chase Study Room, located in the Student Success Center.

\*Bennett will schedule a photo date for the group. Information is forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams  
Secretary of UAAAC  
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