

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee

May 7, 2013

Present: Mary Adams, Ulas Ograk, Barbara Michaelides, Bob Cage, Tom De Nardin, Brett Bennett, Anthony Walker, Phil Shaw, James Greenlaw, Hank Harrawood

Absent: Anthony Malta, Carl Thameling, Tommie Church, Leonard Clark

The meeting opened with a discussion of the ULM Athletic Foundation Faculty of the Year Award, clarifying who gives the award and the UAAAC's role in the process. Michaelides asked how the top five nominees would be determined. Bennett noted that the chair would narrow the nominees to five, using the official criteria. Michaelides moved to accept the process, and Cage seconded the motion.

**Chair Report:**

Ograk suggested that the SSC take a more active role in notifying faculty when student athletes are traveling, particularly during finals week. Michaelides noted the SSC's current role therein and discussed problems with taking on a more active role; those problems include the less-than-static nature of travel rosters. Adams argued that student athletes should be held accountable for communicating with their instructors. A roundtable discussion ensued.

**AD Report:**

Phil Shaw presented this report. He discussed the recent successes of the Sand Volleyball team, which was recently invited to a national tournament where they proved quite competitive against our nation's most elite teams. He noted, "Zuzana Markova is our first sand volleyball All American. We have a good base for sand volleyball right now, and this success will help in recruiting."

Shaw reviewed the general athletic composite schedule of upcoming events.

**FAR Report:**

Bennett handed out the Missed Class Policy designed by Tasha Fisher. Bennett reported that he, Harrawood, and Shaw had reviewed the travel schedules in relation to the university calendar to ensure that teams miss no more than 7 MWF classes and 5 TR classes. Leaving before 3 pm constitutes an absence.

Shaw reported that the new policy is affecting the coaches' approach to travel and their scheduling of travel.

Bennett reviewed the situation with Men's Basketball, saying the team has now regained all lost privileges as a result of their greatly improved APR. All teams must be at an APR of 930 multiyear (over last 4 years). ULM will institute that teams must enter receivership if they fall below 930 for even a single year.

Bennett stated that the PATF will meet weekly throughout the summer.

**Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be held during University Week. It is scheduled for Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams  
Secretary of UAAAC  
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