

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee
September 7, 2011

Present: Brett Bennett, Wilson Campbell, Mary Adams, Barbara Michaelides, Ulas Ograk, Sam Bruscato, Bobby Staub, Tasha Fisher, Anthony Malta

Absent: Kevin Unter, Nate Brown, Bob Cage, Roxanne Cassel, Anthony Walker

The meeting opened at 4 pm. Campbell moved to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, and Malta seconded. There was no old business. Bennett then turned the floor over to our reports:

AD Report:

Our fall season is underway. Staub expressed great pride in the Volleyball team, which is now 3-0. Soccer is currently at .500, which is a great improvement over last season. Staub also expressed pride in our football team after a hard game at FSU, pointing out that we played well defensively.

Our first home game is Saturday, September 10th at 6 pm against Grambling State. "Our ticket office is very, very busy. . . Saturday is a huge event for us."

Staub briefly discussed the shuffling among college conferences. ULM is carefully watching the situation.

Several reviews are currently underway, and these will be incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

Senior Compliance Administrator Report:

Fisher distributed and explained background on APR. APR was established in 2003-04 to measure the academic achievement of each Division I team over each term. APR scores range from 1000 (perfect) to 925 (minimum acceptable score). Schools that fall below 925 "face possible sanctions ranging from scholarship reductions to more severe penalties" (NCAA).

Fisher stated, "Once our data is submitted for this year, we will see marked improvements over last year's scores." Ograk asked if any ULM teams have fallen below the 925 mark.

"Yes, men's basketball has lost three scholarships, practice time, and the possibility of post-season play." Football and men's and women's track have lost scholarships.

Michaelides asked if we can regain these scholarships. "Yes, when these scores reach 925."

Fisher will submit our latest APR data to the NCAA at the end of September.

Chair Report:

Dr. Unter is on leave.

FAR Report:

Bennett will meet with Sunbelt FAR Association later this semester, and he will also attend the national FAR Association meeting in San Diego in November. He is currently learning his FAR duties and has studied the description of responsibilities from other Sunbelt institutions.

Bennett announced the final subcommittee assignments:

- 1) Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance—Michaelides and Bennett
- 2) Academic Integrity—Walker and Adams
- 3) Equity and Student Well-Being—Ograk, Campbell, and Bruscato
- 4) Fiscal Integrity—Malta, Cage, and Unter

Other Business:

*Bennett promised 48 hours notice for photo. Info forthcoming.

*Bennett encouraged members to study The Instrument, which was distributed at the meeting.

*The committee briefly discussed ways to encourage students participation in athletics and tailgating. We also brainstormed ways to encourage Warhawks apparel on campus.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams
Secretary of UAAAC
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