

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee

January 21, 2014

Present: Mary Adams, Leonard Clark, Brian Wickstrom, Brett Bennett, Kevin Price, Anthony Malta, Tom DeNardin , Carl Thameling, Anthony Walker, Ulas Ograk, Tommie Church, Barbara Michaelides,

Absent: Hank Harrawood, James Greenlaw, Bob Cage

The meeting began with the approval of the November 2013 minutes. Bennett moved to approve, and Thameling seconded.

The cmte then returned to its most recent business: the revised Admissions by Exception Policy. Bennett noted that Dr. Bruno suggested that the policy require 2 hours of structured study hall. It was also noted that the AxE numbers will be determined, each academic year, at the UAAAC August meeting, which will be held during University Week. We then opened the floor for discussion.

Malta stated the new draft addresses all of his previous concerns.

Michaelides moved to pass the policy. Bennett seconded.

Chair Report:

Ograk noted that he and Bennett recommend collapsing the 4 existing subcmtes into 3 subcmtes, which will benefit our relatively small cmte. Michaelides asked if the new pairings (Equity and Student Well-being, Academic Integrity and Compliance, Governance and Fiscal Integrity) work well together, and both Wickstrom and Price agree that the pairings nicely complement each other. Church asked for clarification on Equity and Student Well-being, and Price explained this subcmte will be attentive to Title IX issues, including squad size, etc.

Thameling suggested that we vote to amend the subcmtes, and Bennett seconded.

The subcmtes were then formed on a volunteer basis:

Equity and Student Well-being:

Tommie Church, Leonard Clark, Anthony Walker

Academic Integrity and Compliance:

Barbara Michaelides, Brett Bennett, Carl Thameling, Tom DeNardin, Anthony Malta

Governance and Fiscal Integrity:

Mary Adams, Bob Cage, James Greenlaw, Ulas Ograk

The subcmtes now need to meet and elect chairs.

Ograk noted that terms are expiring for some members. Michaelides suggested that this is not an ideal time for rotations as our cmte feels, in many ways, “newly formed.” She stated, “I suggest that we each consider serving 2 more years.” Ograk replied, “We can include in the year-end report that rotating members now may influence the cmte negatively.” Michaelides: “We need to determine a new rotation schedule. How many years until we start a rotation? What would the rotation look like?”

Monthly meetings won't be necessary since subcmtes will meet frequently. After some discussion, the cmte settled upon 3 meetings per semester. We have scheduled our **next meeting** for **Tuesday, March 11th at 4 pm.**

Our cmte continues to lack student athlete members. Church will talk with Mike Anderson about this issue.

New Business:

The cmte looked at the women's soccer fall schedule and found that the team's proposed travel schedule falls well below the numbers prescribed by the missed class policy.

In other new business, DeNardin asked that faculty receive more prompt notification of who is a student athlete. Michaelides says an email can be sent from GradesFirst identifying all student athletes prior to the 25% grade check.

FAR Report:

The task force will complete its duties this year. Bennett noted the dramatic improvement in APR by the men's basketball team, including a projected 975 for this year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams

Secretary of UAAAC

February 21, 2014