

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee
March 18, 2014

Present: Mary Adams, Leonard Clark, Kevin Price, Anthony Malta, Tom DeNardin, Carl Thameling, Anthony Walker, Ulas Ograk, Tommie Church, Barbara Michaelides, Bob Cage, James Greenlaw

Absent: Brian Wickstrom, Brett Bennett

Ograk asked if anyone had any changes for the January minutes. None were suggested.

FAR Report: Bennett submitted a report to Ograk. Ograk read the report, which included details on APR for men's basketball and current updating of last fall's APR data, which is now known to contain some inaccuracies.

Subcommittee Reports:

Academic Integrity and Compliance:

Price noted that the group has met twice. They have discussed APR, men's and women's track, and a future IAP. Michaelides has shifted counseling staff to more precisely meet the needs of specific athlete groups. Mazza is putting together real-time APR reports for our coaches, which they will receive several times per semester.

Equity and Student Well-Being:

Church presented the report. The group has, with the help of Mike Anderson, asked athletes two questions:

Q 1: What could be done to make your student-athlete time more successful?

--Track athletes point to their need for locker rooms and a new track. Our track cannot host events due to its poor condition.

--Volleyball wants to stay in the coliseum rather than relocate to Activity Center.

- Tennis would like promotional signs for home matches.
- Softball hopes to have improved facilities so they can one day host the Sunbelt Conference Tourney.
- All athletes are concerned about extended road trips.

Q2: What can we do to better facilitate transfer and international students?
Ideas offered included extra prep sessions, extended orientation time, and videos.

The athletes offered additional suggestions, such as athletes helping non-athletes move into the dorms. They hope this gesture will foster a sense of community and thereby encourage non-athletes to attend sporting events. Student athletes would also like to raise money for local schools.

It was noted that a number of good things have happened of late, such as new turf in the weight room and a zero G treadmill , which is on its way.

Governance and Fiscal Integrity:

This subcmte has not yet met due to scheduling conflicts.

The final meeting of Spring 2014 was scheduled for April 29th at 4 pm.

Mary Adams
Secretary of UAAAC
March 25, 2014