

UAAAC Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2014

Members who attended:

Mary Adams
Brett Bennett
Bob Cage
Tommie Church
Leonard Clark
Thomas Denardin
Jim Greenlaw
Anthony Malta
Barbara Michaelides
Kevin Price
Carl Thameling
Anthony Walker
Brian Wickstrom
Megan Massa (guest)
Karen Crowley (guest)

- Brett called the meeting to order.
- Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed; Anthony Malta made motion to accept minutes and Carl Thameling seconded the motion. All voted to accept the minutes as written.

Old Business

- Brett opened discussion with “old business” focusing on Admission by Exception. It was suggested that this policy be repurposed. Originally it was a risk management policy for athletics. Brett had talked to Dr. Bruno to clarify that this was not a UAAAC governed policy. Megan Massa emphasized the need for following proper procedure. According to Brett, all students are admitted to the university according to admittance requirements regardless of athlete/non-athlete status. The Admission by Exception is used to submit for candidacy, athletes who do not meet standard admission criteria. These requests (forms) are submitted to Karen Crowley. She looks at student application, transfer credit, alignment with NCAA requirements and forwards to Athletic Advisors for review. Student appeal letters and recommendation letters are sent to the Admission Appeal Committee, along with the Request for Admission by Exception form submitted by athletics. This form should contain all required signatures including signatures from athletic academic advisors and Brian Wickstrom, Athletic Director.
- Brett talked about appointments to UAAAC with rotations varying in years. University President makes appointments.

- Vacancies include Chair for the Committee and student positions. Secretary- Tommie Church volunteered.
- Brett discussed Dr. Bruno's concern with Baseball and Volleyball travel schedules. Travel schedules are to be looked at by the Equity Committee. Barbara talked about the letters that athletes give to professors along with schedules to inform about travel and absences from class.
- Megan talked about specific example of student athlete missing a quiz due to travel and was not allowed to make up.
- Brett asked how we liked the voting process utilized this year, including the blurbs by the people who nominated candidates. Mary suggested that we are careful with blurb content.

New Business

- Brian talked about the academic strength of new athletes for the upcoming year. He also gave information about the 3-4 million dollars in- zone facility that will break ground in next few months. The new ticketing company, Aspire, has received compliments. He also brought up new quarterback and complimented the Baseball team for helping with new student move ins.
- Megan talked about the new software being used this year by compliance. It is used in the recruiting process and in monitoring student athlete status. It will be linked with "Grades First" in the future. She also discussed implementation report for Men's Basketball sent to NCAA. The men's indoor track team will also send implementation report for academic improvement.
- Barbara reported about counselors in athletics being short one counselor since Michael Anderson left.
- Kevin talked about APR being updated for all teams and report will be submitted at next UAAAC meeting.
- Brett suggested that each sub-committee meet prior to next meeting to talk about plans for this year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Next meeting was set for October 14th at 3:30 p.m.