

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee
April 9, 2013

Present: Anthony Malta, Mary Adams, Ulas Ograk, Barbara Michaelides, Bob Cage, Bobby Staub, Carl Thameling, Tommie Church, Tom De Nardin, Brett Bennett, Anthony Walker

Absent: James Greenlaw

The meeting opened with approval of the February minutes as Thameling moved to approve and Bennett seconded.

Chair Report:

Ograk discussed our need to amend bylaws to reflect updated membership guidelines. Key here is a change to 3.5.1.2, which should be altered to reflect the guidelines outlined in our Oct. 2012 Minutes:

- our cmte should be composed of 8 faculty members
- two of these members should represent Arts & Sciences
- two should represent Business
- two should represent Education, with at least one coming from Kinesiology
- one should represent Health Studies
- one should represent Pharmacy

In looking at the Guidelines, the committee renewed its commitment to including one male and one female student athlete.

Our next order of business was to re-evaluate the committee's process for selecting a winner for the Faculty Recognition Award. Bennett relayed the award's historical processes. Adams noted that, in the past, the award recognized "exemplary teaching and mentoring."

The group agreed that one standard process is needed. Michaelides noted that we need to establish criteria, and Staub added that the Student Athlete Committee should be involved. Ograk suggested an online survey.

Ultimately, the committee named two subcommittees:
Thameling and Adams will determine criteria for the award.
Ograk and Bennett will determine a process.

All committee members were asked to forward suggestions to these 2 subcmtes by Monday, April 15th.

FAR Report:

Bennett announced that a compliance officer has been hired: Hank Harrawood, formerly of Gardner Webb. Harrawood possesses a law degree and two years of experience in compliance.

AD Report:

Staub discussed realignment, noting the Sun Belt has 11 football playing members right now. Various scenarios were considered.

We are starting a volunteer season ticket drive. Staub distributed the 2013 schedule, which lists various theme days. He then noted upcoming events, including Maroon and Gold Banquet on April 29th.

He offered congratulations to the Men's Basketball Team. They were honored with the Sun Belt's highest gpa award during their tournament.

Senior Compliance Administrator Report:

None.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 30th at 4 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams

Secretary of UAAAC

April 26, 2013