

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee
November 12, 2012

Present: Anthony Malta, Mary Adams, Ulas Ograk, Barbara Michaelides, Tasha Fisher, Bob Cage, Anthony Walker, Bobby Staub, Sam Bruscato, Carl Thameling,

Absent: Brett Bennett

The meeting opened with approval of the October minutes as Malta moved to approve and Michaelides seconded.

Chair Report:

Ograk has contacted our potential new members (faculty and students), and they have agreed to serve. He has forwarded their names to Pres. Bruno. Ograk expects the new members to officially join in Spring 2013.

AD Report:

Staub reported that APR from 2011-2012 was now finalized, saying, "Our multi-year scores for 15 of 16 sports are above 930. All sports are above 940 on the 2-year average. We are trending up in a very positive way." From a financial standpoint, all aspects are positive, as well.

Staub gave an overview of fall sports, saying that soccer is rebuilding while football has been plagued by injuries. As for post-season play, he explained the bowl system: there are 35 bowls, plus the National Championship. This provides spots for 72 teams. We have Sunbelt ties, but we may be invited to a bowl outside those ties since some conferences have not produced enough bowl-eligible teams. Right now, the Sunbelt could produce 5 or 6 bowl-eligible teams.

Senior Compliance Administrator Report:

Fisher went over the PSA (Prospective Student Athlete) Academic Recommendation Process. There are 3 types: transfer, freshman, and international. If a prospect does not gain acceptance to ULM, an Exception Request or Appeal Process can be taken to the UAAC. Fisher discussed the process and the variables that can be evaluated, including HS work and ACT scores. Prospective athletes can be approved for a NLI, or they can receive NLI on condition that they meet requirements by date of admission.

Fisher presented a draft of the new Missed Class Policy, which the cmte reviewed. She hopes to pilot the policy in Spring 13 and begin officially in AY 13-14. The cmte hopes to see spring schedules by November and fall schedules by May (for all sports competing in those respective semesters).

FAR Report:

Bennett was not available.

Old Business:

Ograk read a draft of our mission statement. The group discussed various aspects and suggested one phrase change. The reaction was, overall, quite positive. See the draft below:

"The mission of the University Athletic Academic Advisory Committee (UAAAC) is to support the President and the Athletic Director in establishing and maintaining an environment conducive to both academic and athletic success, while ensuring the quality of student life for the student-athletes at ULM."

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams
Secretary of UAAAC
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