

UAAAC April 5, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Myra Lovett, Carl Thameling, Michael Gerhard, Brett Bennett, Barbara Michaelides, Jim Greenlaw, Bob Cage, Tom DeNardin, Bruce Walker, Mary Adams, Todd Wolf

Brett made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Carl seconded the motion.

Mary called the meeting to order and passed around nomination forms for Staff Award and Faculty Award. Mary said that we would vote on nominees. She also passed around the list of past recipients of the Faculty Award.

Student Welfare and Equity: concerns were expressed about softball and tennis missing a lot of classes during spring semester especially on consecutive weeks. Brett expressed the need of UAAAC to see schedule of sport events a year prior to competitions. Todd told committee that he would work with UAAAC to try to get athletic schedules ahead of time. He will be looking into this in near future.

AICS: Brett said they have not met yet, and will probably not meet due to change in personnel in Athletics and the lack of issues related to academics.

Governance: Mary said that Brian has committed to meeting with Mary, Bruce, Bob, and Jim for this subcommittee meeting.

Brian is meeting with strategic plan consultant this week. Richard Giannini.

Compliance: Expanding the admissions report. Next meeting on Thursday, April 8th. Funding for summer school is being looked at right now to make a plan for athletes. Exit interview document being designed as online survey. Compliance will meet with those students who have cited issues during undergraduate progression. Brett offered suggestion: could there be a survey for all sports and all classifications to check on any issues. During spring break athletics accommodated at different restaurants in town and even gave per diem on Good Friday. This promoted morale building experience and team meals.

Todd wanted to look at university excused absence documents sent out by Dr. Pani's office.

Brett asked Todd about admit by exception. Todd said that he is anxious to go through the process and see how it works here at ULM.

Mary asked if Night of Champions being so late was delaying the summer school funding. Todd said it was not negatively impacting summer school funding.

Academics: Barbara said academics has gone well. Athletic advisors have been pre-advising and trying to get students advised for summer and fall. New counselor coming in who is past ULM soccer athlete.

FAR – Brett met with academic counselors for post graduate awards. Templates suggested to help aid in writing recommendation letters. Conduct investigations into complaints that have been made that might fall under compliance or Student Welfare and Student Equity. Also, more discussion about athletes being surveyed each academic year anonymously to determine and address issues along the way.

Todd said that the more visible ADs and Faculty are around, the more comfortable they feel about talking about issues they are experiencing.

Bruce suggested a buddy system. Brett said most teams have this system. Bruce suggested a designated advocate. Brett and counselors are designated advocates. Barbara says that students do go to counselors about personal issues from time to time.

Mary talked about the Maroon and Gold and Night of Champions:

Night of Champions – Thursday, April 21st – Funding for summer school; Auctions -\$50 single; couple
Monday April 25th 6:30.– Maroon and Gold to be called the UL Emmys. Academic awards will be given to student athletes located in Ballroom in Sub at time TBA. Todd will pass along info. Mary wants to give the award for Staff during Maroon and Gold. We may present award for faculty as well.

Mary wants us to vote on Faculty Award and Staff Award by Monday. We will be rank ordering nominees.

May 3^d is last meeting for semester.