

UAAAC Minutes
March 31, 2015

Members in attendance: Mary Adams, Brett Bennett, Bob Cage, Tommie Church, Leonard Clark, Thomas DeNardin, James Greenlaw, Anthony Malta, Meghan Mazza, Barbara Michaelides, Kevin Price, Carl Thameling, and Brian Wickstrom.

- Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mary Adams.
- Brett Bennett moved to approve the December meeting minutes and Kevin Price seconded. All voted, and minutes from December meeting were approved.
- Brett moved to approve the January meeting minutes and Carl Thameling seconded the motion. All voted and the minutes were approved.

Sub-committee Reports

- AICS is meeting weekly and administering the academic plans for men's track. One of the lead track athletes had unsatisfactory grades. Decisions about an academic plan for athlete made on a Wednesday and action was taken the following Monday. This strategy serves as a motivational tool to promote better academic focus by athletes.
- Grades First was sent to faculty with athletes in their classes. By the end of the semester, the goal is to have no one under AIP.
- Advising is underway and athletes will register as part of Special Groups. This group registers first during the registration process. One of the challenges of advising athletes and helping them decide on schedule of classes is working around practice schedules of the various sport groups. Brett monitors issues with practice schedules to help troubleshoot any issues that may occur regarding this.
- Fiscal Committee plans to meet prior to last meeting.
- Ethics and Athlete Welfare subcommittee reported information obtained via email from Seth Hall, Faculty/Staff advisor, who meets with athletes who are members of the Student Athletic Committee. He said the major concern of athletes is that there is sometimes a stigma attached to being an athlete. Athletes are worried that other students have the opinion that athletes get special treatment in regards to academics and are only concerned with sports. Brett added some concerns that Dr. Bruno had about Softball and Baseball game travel schedule this spring. Travel schedules and how they may affect academics will be one of the future focuses of this subcommittee.
- Frequency of UAAAC meetings and subcommittee meetings is to be determined.

- Brian Wickstrom gave the AD report and shared information about the success of the men's basketball team, softball team, and the men's golf team.
- He reported that the football facility should be finished by December and \$7.3 million was raised for this project.
- Improvements have been scheduled for Softball and Baseball facilities. Soccer will have a concession stand added.
- Meghann Mazza reported for compliance. The compliance review is pending and Meghann has filled out numerous questionnaires related to compliance review, and is awaiting campus visit by review team.
- Recruiting is coming up for Basketball and Softball. Follow-ups with coaches are scheduled.
- Brett reported for FAR. The big buzz right now is the religious freedom law. FAR is putting together a response indicating they are opposed to any type of discrimination on any and all levels.
- Brett reported on travel issues for Men's Baseball this spring. Ice days also put women's softball behind in game schedule.

Mary talked about recruitment of new UAAAC members to relieve stress in the rotation process for members of the committee. Also, she stressed the need for more faculty attendance at sporting events and suggested promoting special events to draw more attendance.

Tom DeNardin brought up the complimentary tickets for UAAAC members.

Meeting adjourned at ~5 p.m.