

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee
April 29, 2014

Present: Mary Adams, Kevin Price, Anthony Malta, Tom DeNardin , Carl Thameling, Anthony Walker, Ulas Ograk, Barbara Michaelides, Bob Cage, Brett Bennett

Absent: Brian Wickstrom, James Greenlaw, Leonard Clark

Michaelides moved to accept the March minutes, and Thameling seconded.

Subcommittee Reports:

Academic Integrity and Compliance:

The group reported that, during fall, they will be implementing the Academic Improvement Plan for Men's Track, which fell below the APR requirements. The team will be under the AIP for '14-'15; the lost points resulted, in part, from a student who failed to apply for graduation. Had this not occurred, the team would not have incurred the penalty.

Bennett noted that the task force will not meet weekly in the fall; rather, they will meet quarterly. He also noted that the committee shared the Admission by Exception policy with coaches at the last coaches' meeting.

Equity and Student Well-Being:

The members of this subcmte had no official report, but Bennett addressed an important issue. He stated that President Bruno is very concerned regarding the Baseball travel schedule. Bennett specifically noted the president's concern with multiple away series where student athletes are on the road for a prolonged period of time. With 56 games in 13 weeks, it is extremely important that we pay attention to all aspects of this schedule. The group discussed methods for easing the travel burden, and Price stated, "We need to work towards having as many midweek home games as possible."

Ograk recommended that we follow-up with scheduling and verify that the final schedule is what the committee approved. The subcmte on Student Well-Being could perform this verification process. Bennett recommended that our cmte meet with all sports administrators to discuss this problem.

Governance and Fiscal Integrity:

This subcmte has not yet met. Ograk expressed frustration, which led to a discussion of this subcmte's role, as well as the overall committee's role.

Other Business

Ograk announced that he will be leaving the university this summer. A new chair must be designated for Fall 2014. Thamelng expressed interest in the position.

Adams noted that the group needed to gather nominations, from Athletic Academic Counselors and student athletes, for the Faculty Appreciation Award. Adams will forward the nominations process to the committee so that the group can proceed.

The committee plans to resume meetings during University Week.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adams
Secretary of UAAAC
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