

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee

March 6, 2012

Present: Brett Bennett, Anthony Walker, Bob Cage, Wilson Campbell, Anthony Malta, Mary Adams, Ulas Ograk, Barbara Michaelides, Tasha Fisher, Sam Bruscato, Carl Thameling

Absent: Nate Brown, Roxanne Cassel, Bobby Staub

The meeting opened at 4:05 pm with the approval of last month's minutes and confirmation that we will now use the SSC Conference Room for all meetings.

AD Report:

Staub was unavailable.

Senior Compliance Administrator Report:

Fisher reviewed the good news that the waiver we put forth to the NCAA was approved conditionally. The conditions include our successful implementation of the Improvement Plan, combined with men's basketball achieving an APR of 925. We will incur no ban on postseason play in 2012-13, in part because we imposed the ban for 2011-12. The NCAA particularly liked our plan to impose a post-season ban for individual players who do not meet requirements.

We will regain our 3 lost scholarships. We continue to face Level 1 and Level 2 penalties, including in-season and out-of-season reductions in practice time, reduced contests, and reduced season (10%). Our Level 3 (self-imposed) penalties include the team's oversight by the Task Force, increased standards for all recruits, and the Improvement Plan.

Chair Report:

Ograk discussed the need for more clarity regarding objectives and subcommittees. He would like to institute objectives for each semester. He would also like to clarify the objectives of each subcommittee. Members were asked to review the Guidelines before our next meeting so we can address this issue.

FAR Report:

Bennett reported that we are now engaged in executing the AIP. The Task Force will exist for approximately two more years, after which its duties will fall to our cmte and its subcmtes. Bennett explained the process by which Grades First is used. For example, if a student athlete has a D in any course, the advisor will require additional tutoring. If the student has two grades below C or one grade of F, additional study time will be required, which comes from practice time or CARA (Countable Athletic Related Activities).

Bennett also explained the process by which the Task Force imposes and lifts these penalties, emphasizing that the process is “reasonable and consistent.”

Reports from Four Cmtes:

No reports at this time.

New Business:

Our discussion returned to the topic of subcmtes, with various members questioning the specific responsibilities of the subcmtes, our initial assignments to said groups, and whether or not we should reduce the number of subcmte from 4 to 3. Reducing the number could be beneficial since we are a relatively small group.

Fisher noted that the NCAA is currently revamping the athletic certification cycle; therefore, some of the embedded responsibilities may change. Ograk stated, “This warrants a fresh look at these committees and their responsibilities.”

At the next meeting, we will discuss the subcmtes, determine their individual responsibilities, and determine who can best serve on each.

The next meeting will be held on April 3rd at 4 pm in the Student Success Center Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams

Secretary of UAAAC

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