Athletic Council
Minutes Meeting
IPTAY Multipurpose Room
March 01, 2016, 3:30 PM

Voting Members Present: Bert McCarty, chair; William Baldwin; Luca Barattoni; Matthew Boyer; John Cajk; Sandy Edge; Kathy Edwards; Mike Godfrey; Matthew Macauley; James McCubbin; Mary Anne Raymond; George Smith; Sheri Webster and Dana Zielinski

Non-Voting Members Present: Tullen Burns; Steve Duzan; Janie Hodge; Neff Graham; Dan Radakovich; John Griffin; Eric George and Rhonda Todd

McCarty convened the meeting at 3:31 PM

Introductions
McCarty welcomed the committee and opened the meeting with introductions of Rhonda Todd who is replacing the Administrative Assistant, Tullen Burn, on a temporary basis until a replacement is hired.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes
The February 2, 2016 meeting minutes were approved with no edits or corrections.

FAR Update
Hodge reported the NCAA has released the Student Athlete Time Demand Survey, and this information is being collected at the national level to inform the legislative process for student athlete welfare. Hodge stated she was not able to attend the town hall meeting, but she understands they met with student athletes to discuss time demands. The committee discussed the timetable for release of information, and Hodge stated they should have results available in January 2017.

Hodge reported the Athletic Academic Oversight Committee is being sanctioned by the Provost as a standing committee. She stated this committee will not overlap with the Athletic Council, but the additional committee will be used to ensure we have good oversight of academics.

Hodge stated the NCAA has a webinar related to athletic misconduct and she encouraged everyone to review if possible. She reported the most important piece is to have policies in writing and available to everyone.

Student Athlete Enrichment Program
Duzan reported that ACC post graduate scholars were announced this week and CU had three individuals honored: Jordan Roper – Men’s Basketball; Tristen Dewar – Women’s Tennis; and, Anna Skochdopole – Women’s Rowing. He stated a banquet is planned on April 13 in Greensboro to recognize them. Duzan reported his office recently did a progress report with faculty with a 62% return, and expressed his appreciation for the feedback. He reported two individuals from his office were present at a national conference for Best Practices in Integrity. He also stated his office is hosting the academic integrity webinar Janie mentioned previously this Thursday at 3:00 PM in Vickery Hall. He invited everyone to join them.

Committee Reports

Academic Standards – Baldwin reported the committee is developing a questionnaire required for tutors to ensure they are fulfilling their requirements. In addition, the committee put together a voluntary questionnaire for student athletes, and a private line for reporting concerns or questions if someone is afraid to come forward to report an integrity issue.
Fiscal Integrity & Facility Planning Committee – Report attached.

Athletic Department Budget Review – Graham gave an overview of the AD budget. He showed a video presentation to represent the dollars coming into and out of the program. He reminded the committee that post-season dollars are shared equally among ACC schools. A deficit of almost $3.1 million followed the bowl season mainly from honoring coach’s salary increases and for travel.

AC Policies and Procedures – Godfrey reported an update is needed to the current policies and procedures. He stated his committee will provide a proposal and update on this movement at the April and May meeting.

Athletic Department Update

Radakovich gave an overview of teams playing at this time. He reported the IPTAY building is in need of updating along with many others. When Vickery Hall was built, the athletic program only had 250 student athletes who used the program; however, now that number has rose to 1300 students, and the program desperately needs more space than Vickery can provide. He stated the department is studying using the available space in the West End Zone for the Student Athlete Enrichment Program. This area is over 11,000 available square feet, and little renovation is needed, making it an attractive option for the expanding program. Committee members expressed concern about athletes feeling isolated and moved away from the center of campus and their academic programming. Student athletes commented that most SAs spend the majority of time with their teammates as they live together, practice together, study and eat together. She did not see this as a concern of isolation. Radakovich stated travel accommodations will be made to and from classes. He commented Parking Services currently heavily tickets student athletes parking around Vickery Hall, and the West End Zone is right beside the commuter lot for easier parking.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2016-2018

McCarty made a motion to open the floor for nominations of a Chair and Vice Chair for 2016-2018. He reminded the members this is a two-year commitment. Only elected members can be nominated and vote.

Vice Chair – Sheri Webster was nominated and voted as Vice Chair for 2016-2018.

Chair – Matt Boyer and Mike Godfrey were nominated as Chair. Boyer withdrew his name. The committee discussed postponing the elections to April, but the committee decided to continue votes with the ballet supplied by McCarty. Mike Godfrey was elected Chair for 2016-2018

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rhonda Todd