



**Athletic Council
IPTAY Board Room
December 17, 2008
3:30 PM**

Voting Members Present: Janie Hodge, *Presiding Chair*; Clementina Adams, Andrew Billings, Leslie Callison, Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, Paul Dawson, Sandy Edge, K.B. Kulasekera, Colin McMillian for Jason Schweir, Mary Anne Raymond, Pat Raymark, Elaine Richardson, Lois Sill, Webb Smathers, Alesia Smith, and Jack Whetstone

Ex-Officio Present: Bill D'Andrea, Stephanie Ellison, Phil Grayson, Katie Hill, Loreto Jackson, Larry LaForge, Terry Don Phillips, and Kyle Young

Visitors: Tim Match

Chair Janie Hodge convened the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Item 1. Welcome and introductions

Dr. Janie Hodge welcomed everyone.

Item 2. Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved by the Council.

Item 3. Faculty Athletic Representative Report – Larry LaForge

Dr. Larry LaForge updated the council on the ACC legislative meeting held on December 5th, which involved discussion on many of the 70 NCAA legislative proposals. In an effort to involve the Council more in the process, he has developed a procedure. Dr. LaForge will first give the proposals to the Governance and Rules Compliance committee which is chaired by Paul Dawson. The committee will help to identify proposals that the full Council should understand, and Larry will review these at the October or November meeting.

Dr. LaForge stated that the NCAA Board will meet again in January. He stated that there is significant discussion about making coaches accountable for the academic performance of their teams. Under this proposal, the academic performance (APR) of student-athletes recruited by a coach would follow the coach throughout his/her career. There are issues to be worked out, but look for some changes in the future concerning a coaches' version of APR.

Item 4. Committee Chair Reports

Academic Standards and Integrity - Elaine Richardson (Chair) – Elaine Richardson reported that her committee was reviewing missed days for team travel. Ronnie Crestman and Robert Barkley will be invited to the committee's upcoming meeting.

Item 5. Athletic Department Updates

Terry Don Phillips reported that the football team and the fan base seem to be in full support of Coach Swinney's appointment to the head coaching position. He briefed the committee on the hiring procedure of any head coach position, and emphasized the high level of confidentiality that was expected from coaches interested in the position.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Todd

Katie Hill briefed the committee on the process of determining salary and contract information for hiring these lead positions. After receiving questions from the council, Ms. Hill reported briefly how the athletic department contributes to the University budget during the tough economic crunch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.