Athletic Council
Minutes of March 6, 2019 meeting


Meeting brought to order by Bill Baldwin at 3:30pm.

Minutes for February meeting were approved.

Bill made several general announcements:

- The Executive Committee met to discuss the need for a secretary to take minutes. Currently, the AC bylaws state that the vice-Chair shall place all communications into a three-ring binder. Several options were proposed:
  - Expand role of vice-chair to include taking minutes
  - Add an additional position of secretary to AC bylaws
  - Have each voting member rotate so that each of the 14 voting members acts as secretary at least once every two years.
- Vote next month

- The following Colleges will vote this Spring to elect representatives to AC: CAAH, CBSHS, CECAS

Committee reports:

- Admin: Debt report was sent to subcommittee members for comments. Report will be presented to AC next month.
- SA Welfare: Emphasis on safety, especially at isolated facilities like rowing and golf.
- Acad Policies: Report on Academic Integrity; faculty are informed on a need-to-know basis.

Dan Radakovich presented current goings-on:

- Women’s BB playing in ACC tournament. Amanda Butler earned ACC Coach of the Year honors.
- Men’s BB ready for ACC tournament.
- Baseball in full swing.
- Softball stadium is making good progress.
- At ACC meeting, CU’s request for additional funds to cover CFP expenses was approved.
- Athletic Department will be making presentation to Board of Trustees (and IPTAY) in April. Highlights include:
  - 2019 changes at Memorial Stadium will focus on security including having metal detectors at all gates and creating a pedestrian corridor along Avenue of Champions.
  - Long-term plans will focus on Safety, Fan Experience, General Amenities, Capacity Management, and Premium Seating.
East phase will include a new scoreboard and a redevelopment of the concourse between North and South stands below scoreboard. Hill would be unaffected.

West phase will include a new Lower West Zone club and redoing Parking Lot 5.

North/South phases would focus on expanding concourses to allow more restrooms and concessions.

Plans will be presented to Board of Trustees in April 2019 for Phase I approval.

Natalie Honnen, Associate AD, provided information about the student-athlete experience:
- Displayed annual survey results.
- Discussed “Reporting Resources” document that is distributed to student-athletes several times each term. Students sign a document that they understand that these resources are available.
- Third party, Dan Bebee Group, helps analyze survey results.
- Survey system, Real Recruit, allows comparison to other programs that also use Real Recruit.
- Opportunities for student-athletes to provide comments or report concerns is always available. Concerns go through Athletic Department channels as well as University channels, when appropriate. Response time from AD staff is typically about 2 hours.
- AD offers one-on-one exit interviews for seniors and other students extinguishing eligibility. Approximately 80% of these students do an exit interview.

Julia Meredith gave updates from SAAC:
- Held a Town Hall meeting
- Still working with Project Life. People can sign up using an app (Swab). More information will be sent out about this once SAAC has it.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm.