

**Intercollegiate Athletics Committee**  
**February 20, 2013 Meeting**

*The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Members in attendance were:*

*Andy McCollough, Chair*  
*Keith Carodine*  
*Joe Delfino*  
*Mike Katovich*  
*Jamie McCloskey*  
*Edward Minchin*  
*Marcus Motes*  
*Rebecca Pauly*  
*Mike Sagas - FAR*  
*Linda Tealer*

*Guests: Becky Burleigh, Jeanna Mastrodicasa*

**Agenda**

1. Review and approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2013 meeting
2. A talk with Becky Burleigh, Women's Soccer Coach
3. Student Athlete Exit Interview Form and Schedule
4. Tutor Survey
5. Center Proposal
6. Coach for College
7. Website update
8. FAR Report
9. Liaison Update
10. Student Update
11. Other Business

**ITEM 1**

*The minutes of the last meeting January 9, 2013, were distributed to the committee via email and with modifications were accepted as written.*

**ITEM 2 Coach Becky Burleigh**

*Introductions were made by Chair Andy McCollough and all the attendees introduced themselves. Coach Burleigh began with an overview of all the sports activities this spring. Relaying their rankings and most notably sharing that unlike many institutions, UF sports have a very strong coaches support environment. There is a cooperative effort among the sports instilled by the Athletic Director and his team and demonstrates the absence of favoritism shown by sport. There is a women's coaches monthly session recently created to encourage an opportunity to share and receive feedback from the peer coaches. She discussed the specifics of the soccer team as the coach for the past fourteen years. During this time they have won twelve SEC titles. Academics are emphasized on her team and she has only had*

four girls drop out prior to degree completion. Out of those, two of the girls continued their studies and obtained their degree. The majors selected by her girls are diverse and from various colleges across campus. She credits the academic success of the team to their outstanding academic advisor, Jason Storch. Not only does he assist and monitor their major and course selection, but follows their progress to include daily check-up to identify class attendance, tardiness and academic progress. He will enforce mandatory early morning progress meetings if there are noted problems. When asked of certain majors were discourage due to study time commitments, Coach Burleigh stated if academically matched, all athletes are encouraged to follow their desired career path.

The team has both a fall and spring schedule and admittedly the more demanding schedule forces the girls to remain attentive to their studies. The routine, even with travel, allows the girls to use a large portion of their pre-game hours studying and completing work due.

Members asked about the recruiting process and Coach Burleigh *shared that the practice of recruiting is taking place with students earlier in there high school years which requires more time and attention to continue to keep them focused and committed to UF.* She works primarily with the soccer clubs and appreciates the large events such as a major tournament occurring this week in Texas that allows for viewing many qualified recruits. Another question was asked concerning the peer mentoring among the team and the Coach shared a leadership program in place over the past four years that the team identifies the top 6 or 7 emerging leaders, then a mid- level group and last the brand new recruits. With the sport of soccer it is imperative to develop an effective relationship among the team as a cohesive group and the program has been a huge success.

Coach Burleigh concluded in sharing that their practice and training is scheduled around the academic schedule of the team members. If necessary, the team has met at 6:00 in the evening or held early morning practices to accommodate individual class schedules.

### **ITEM 3 Student Athlete Exit Interviews**

This term we have distributed and asked the faculty members of the IAC to identify their preference for students in particular sports, colleges or majors. Edward Minchin created and shared a template for the verbal interviews. After IAC member feedback, we will now redistribute the template, the student assignments and the protocol by early next week. We anticipate a review and discussion of the interview results at the final spring meeting to be held May 1, 2013.

### **ITEM 4 Tutor Survey**

The results of past years Tutor Surveys have been discussed, but not retained in a central location. With Dave Bloomquist's retirement last spring, a need to establish a protocol and location for this survey and similar activities has been recognized. The online offering of the survey yielded a response rate of only 10-12%. Last spring a suggestion was made to distribute the survey to all sports teams during their spring team meeting. As a result the survey had a 98% response rate. However, the responses, have not been tabulated and analyzed. We hope to have those results by the next meeting. We also plan to formalize the process and identify an IAC member to be responsible.

### **ITEM 5 Center Proposal**

Mike Sagas prepared and shared a "Concept Paper Outline" describing a new Center to maintain the data and information for the intersection of the student athlete's academics and sport

activities at the University of Florida. Mike described the Center to function similar to a data management office as established at North Carolina Chapel Hill and UCF. Jamie McCloskey mentioned that this Center must exhibit independence from both the UAA and the UF Academics. It would be advantageous for the Center to arrange a partnership with both the SEC and NCAA independently. A question was asked whether this Center could provide a segway for other areas such as Disability or Florida Opportunity Scholars but the consensus was the focus needs to remain on Intercollegiate Athletics. A suggestion was made to look at the Ohio State Best Practices publication and student representative Marcus Motes suggested we look at some practices of the smaller colleges. We would ask the IAC members to please review and encourage everyone's feedback.

#### **ITEM 6 Coach for College**

The January meeting introduced a program for student athlete participation in a summer civic engagement program. We would like to provide a UF contact to the program sponsor if the UAA determines there is an interest.

#### **ITEM 7 Website**

We continue to work on the website and appreciate the members review and suggestions.  
<http://iac.aa.ufl.edu/home.aspx>

#### **ITEM 8, 9 & 10 FAR, Liaison & Student Updates**

The FAR and Liaison information had been discussed throughout the meeting but Keith Carodine mentioned a new staff member in the Office for Student Life, Valerie Flournoy. Student representative Marcus Motes had no further information to share.

Jeanna Matrodocasa shared a presentation of the online student services offered by the Office for Student Affairs.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.