

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2014, 9:00 am
202 Farrior Hall

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Members in attendance were:

Andy McCollough, Chair
Jeremy Foley
Michael Katovich
Keith Carodine
David Kratzer
Kara Dawson
Edward Minchin
Allen Wysocki
Arlithia Mackey
Jamie McCloskey
TJ Summerford
Grace Van DeGrift
Mike Holloway

Unavailable to Attend
Mark Rush
Lynda Tealer
Frank Bova
Melissa Orth
Michael Sagas

Agenda

1. Review and Approval of the minutes from September 30, 2014 meeting
2. Introduction of Mike Holloway -- Coach of men's and women's Track & Field and Cross Country
3. Report on Independent Study; Rotating Topics
4. Report on Academic Majors
5. Report on proposed reporting restructuring
6. FAR report
7. Liaison and Administrative update
8. Student updates
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

Review and Approval of the minutes from September 30, 2014 meeting

The minutes were read and approved subject to feedback from the members before the next meeting.

Mike Holloway

Coach of men's and women's Track & Field and Cross Country

An informative conversation with Coach Holloway took place and has been posted on the IAC website.

Report on Independent Study; Rotating Topics

Currently depend on faculty to accomplish the goals. 99% works well.

Independent Study and Rotating topics data for Fall2014 was distributed.

We are looking for a trend in the class schedules of the student athletes

More rotating topics are becoming permanent, which will provide more consistent academic oversight.

Report on Academic Majors

There is some general evidence that student-athletes may be encouraged to pursue less-demanding majors which results in “clustering” (>25% of the student-athletes in a sport in a particular major). The report, “Academic Majors, Fall, 2014” was distributed by Mike Sagas. There was no evidence of clustering in general in either the men or women sports. The only exceptions to that conclusion were

1. The undecided/exploratory major (20%) is generally populated by incoming freshman who have not settled on a major. This major designation is temporary and must be superseded by a specific major within (2) two semesters. This percentage is comparable to that of the general student population.
2. A few of the minor sports have apparent evidence of clustering but this is function of the team numbers:
 - a. Women’s Basketball – 3 Student Athletes are telecommunication majors (42.9%)
 - b. Women’s Golf – 1 Student Athlete is a Psychology major (25%)
 - c. Women’s Gymnastics – 5 Student Athlete are Applied Physiology and Kinesiology majors (41%)
 - d. Women’s Tennis – 1 Student Athlete is a Psychology major (50%)
 - e. Men’s Golf – 2 Student Athletes are Economics majors (25%)
 - f. Men’s Tennis – 1 Student Athlete is a Finance major (25%)

Report on proposed reporting restructuring

A minor adjustment in organizational structure is being considered. The objective is to have academic advising to report directly to the Provost office through the Director of OSL.

Student updates

Grace updated that Gator Tracks Shoes for Kids was a huge success with over 425 pairs of shoes were collected for kids in surrounding schools.

Other Business

Jeremy reported the renovations for Student Life should be on the agenda next time. The fundraising is almost complete. The O’Connell Center is underway with plans to start in March and finish @ January 2016.

Keith reported 29 graduates with 14 SEC Academic honor rolls and 17 SEC Championships

Jamie reported there is a new governance structure with NCAA. Schools will have a vote meaning 5 conferences will be given more say on future scholarships, benefits, etc.

Adjournment