

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Minutes of the September 19, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 3: 00 p.m. In attendance were:

Andy McCollough, Chair
Albert Matheny
Mike Katovich
Jeremy Foley
Keith Carodine
Joe Delfino
Jamie McCloskey
Lynda Tealer
Jessica Harland-Jacobs
Dave Kratzer
Brian Howell
Dave Bloomquist, Secretary

Guest: Mark Rush

Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2011 meeting. (distributed in email dated 9/9/11)
2. Discussion of multi- year APR plots –Dave Bloomquist.
3. Discussion of article on “clustering” and implications for UF student athletes programs. (attached)
4. Presentation by Mark Rush-further studies of the robustness of the Predictive Index. (P.I.)
5. Academic profile by sport.
6. Report of the Faculty Athletic Representative (Mike Sagas).
7. Report of UAA Liaisons.
8. Student and Student Athlete Reports.
9. Other Business.

Prior to the Agenda Items, the Chair welcomed the committee to the first meeting of the year. He suggested that there would be three meetings this semester and would get everyone’s schedules to coordinate a convenient date and time. He would like to invite one of the coaches to a future meeting and have several student athletes attend another one. Jeremy mentioned that the next IAC meeting would be held over at the Stadium, in the same room where Coach Muschamp attended.

ITEM 1. Minutes.

The May 6, 2011 minutes had been distributed prior to the meeting. The Chair asked for any corrections and hearing none, the minutes were passed by acclamation.

ITEM 2. APR Plots.

At the May meeting, Dave Bloomquist had volunteered to plot the APR data (currently available at the NCAA Website in tabular form), and include the likely new 930 minimum score (up from 925) for all sports. After distributing the plots and based on the response of the committee, he recommended that the SEC schools’ averages be added so that UF can track its progress compared to the other schools.

These data could also be used by the coaches as a recruiting tool. After some discussion, it was decided to have him complete this effort for distribution and discussion at a later meeting.

ITEM 3. Clustering Article. *Attached to the Agenda was a Gainesville Sun article on “clustering” or the types of majors student athletes typically choose when entering college. Keith is currently assembling data on UF’s S.A.s so that it can be discussed at the next meeting. Specifically, how S.A. majors compare to the overall student population. Albert provided an excellent synopsis of UF’s admission procedure on dealing with undeclared (previously labeled “undecided”) incoming freshmen. When a student (S.A. or otherwise) is admitted and undecided on a particular major, they are placed in an “exploratory major” track that encompasses multiple specific majors (e.g., Science and Engineering, Social and Behavioral, or Humanities and Letters). While this is very common across campus, he did say that all AIM, or at risk students (it includes a limited number of S.A.s) are placed into one of these exploratory majors. Regardless, they must declare a specific major by their third semester. Currently there are approximately 1,500 to 2,000 students participating in the program.*

Andy stated that the registrar will assemble current enrollment data so that the committee can discuss this topic further. Keith mentioned that the S.A.s graduated with majors spread across the board, with Anthropology, Psychology and Business being some of the most common degrees.

ITEM 4. Update from Mark Rush on the Predictive Index (P.I.) *The impetus for this was to consider expanding the utility of the P.I. analysis. Currently, it is used solely as a predictor of initial academic success. However, it is worthwhile to see if it correlates to graduation rates, time to graduate, etc. So Mark and Adam (grad student) want to see if the registrar’s admission variables can be related to student’s probability of graduating in a timely manner (e.g., 5 years). Jeremy reiterated that the P.I. has been very helpful in recruiting S.A.s since it provides a filtering mechanism that benefits both the student and University. Andy asked the committee to think about other ways that the P.I. could be used effectively, i.e., related to S.A.s academic progress.*

ITEM 5. Academic Profile by Sport. *Andy feels that the committee should be enlightened on the academic tracks S.A.s take, by sport. For example, taken as an aggregate, graduating seniors’ majors look well distributed (see ITEM 3 above). However, having information on degrees sought, GPAs, time towards degrees, etc., for each sport, might be of interest to the group. A question was asked about practice times. Jamie said that each sport is the same; a required maximum of four hours per day, 20 hours per week with one off day a week. Of course, athletes are allowed to work out more on their own, but their coach cannot require them to do so.*

ITEM 6. F.A.R. Report *The new Faculty Athletics Representative, Mike Saga, was in Armenia and hence not available. He will be at the next meeting.*

ITEM 7. Liason Reports. *Jeremy updated the committee on the SEC expansion situation, specifically on Texas A&M’s addition (the 13th member). The SEC Presidents have invited A&M to join and are awaiting any legal challenges from the Big 12 Conference. It remains to be seen as to whether there will be a 14th school and who that might be. Other conferences are also in a state of flux, but there is not enough information to conclude what the final conference’s makeup will be.*

He reminded the members that A&M is an AAU school, and would have finished second in the SEC Directors Cup (behind UF), had they been in the conference. On the surface it makes sense financially, but other factors (scheduling, home games, etc.) will no doubt affect the "bottom line". Unfortunately, schools in other conferences will likely lose out in the realignments. Finally, personally he thinks the Presidents are eager to have another AAU school join. In fact, Missouri (also an AAU school), has been mentioned as the 14th additional, which would increase to three (3) the number of AAU schools in the SEC.

Lynda had nothing to report.

Jamie reported that the SEC had completed their Compliance Review in November and we are awaiting the final report. The NCAA accepted UF's GSR (Graduation Success Rate) report, after minor changes were addressed. It is likely that next year a similar report based on APR data will be requested by the NCAA.

Keith informed the group about the upcoming SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee) meeting. Next Tuesday is the recruiter roundtable event. There will be 18 companies represented to inform the S.A.s. on what they are looking for in graduates, etc.

ITEM 8. Student Representative . *Brian reported that there will be a Pep Rally next Sunday in the Reitz Union, after the UF-UK, targeting the UF-Alabama game.*

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Bloomquist,
IAC Secretary*