

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Minutes October 16, 2013

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

Andy McCollough, Chair
Keith Carodine
Jeremy Foley
Brock Hankins
Jessica Harland-Jacobs
Mike Katovich
Dave Kratzer
Jamie McCloskey
Mark Rush
Mike Sagas - FAR
Lynda Tealer
Al Wysocki

Unavailable to Attend

Michael Delp- New Faculty Member
Ed Minchin- Continuing Faculty Member
Summer Stephens – Student Athlete Rep

Agenda

1. Review and approval of the minutes from the May 1, 2013 meeting.
2. Introductions and review of mission
3. Report of Ad Hoc Committee –(Review of UNC Problems)
4. Current UF inquiry into athlete centric courses.
5. Tutor Survey Results – Tutor Governance Structure
6. Predictive Index Project
7. Academic Credit for life skills courses.
8. Sports Center
9. FAR Report
10. Liaison Update
11. Student Update

ITEM 1

The minutes of the final Spring meeting May 1, 2013, were distributed to the committee via email and were accepted with an update of the members involved in the summer review.

ITEM 2 Student Athlete Exit Interviews

The committee's mission was reiterated and a discussion surrounding its inception by President John Lombardi. The committee was created to keep open access between academics and athletics as described in the responsibilities.

ITEM 3 Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee Report

The final draft of the report completed over the summer by the subgroup of the IAC, Al Wysocki, Mike Katovich and Ed Minchin-Faculty Reps; Keith Carodine-UAA Rep and Mike Sagas-FAR Rep was distributed prior to the meeting and discussion followed. One of the areas brought to attention was that the college departments are the ones that certify a student athlete's eligibility, not the Office of Student Life (OSL). Each department has their own requirements for students to meet with advisors. They complete a progress to degree report and the student is tracked in the system. This has removed much of the face to face meetings previously required. A suggestion was made to insist the student meet with an advisor at least once per term. It was identified some colleges do not require meetings. The other area of the report that Jeremy Foley asked to focus on was the idea of a "dashboard" to monitor student athlete performance. We have discussed this on several occasions and Andy McCollough stated he would have his data team meet with Mike Sagas and Jamie McCloskey to evaluate what in house options were available while we look for outside systems that would work for UF.

ITEM 4 Current UF inquiry in to athletic centric courses

This inquiry came about at the request of Dr. Machen. The student athletes are offered first choice on scheduling classes to allow for team practices. That is why sections can be capped by the Registrar's office then reopened. We are looking at the grade distributions in some of these heavy SA sections. This report compiled by Mike Sagas was distributed to the IAC members. Minimal follow up has taken place on a couple of courses, but the results have provided acceptable explanations. It will remain a report we monitor.

ITEM 5 Tutor Survey

The results of the tutor survey were provided to members to be discussed further at our next meeting. Mike Sagas's area ran the results of the survey distributed to the student athletes at their spring meetings. These surveys had received limited responses in the online format so the hard copies were used this year. We will discuss any recommendations by the committee in regards to this survey and the process of distribution, early this academic year in hopes of minimizing the last minute rush.

ITEM 6 Predictive Index

Dr. Mark Rush, a new member on the committee, helped develop the predictive index. With his assistance, we will review this tool, its use and possible extension this year.

ITEM 7-9 Academic Credit for life skills courses, Sports Center, FAR Report

All of these items have received oversight by Mike Sagas and they will be discussed further at the November meeting. In quick summary the life skills courses are taught by the OSL instructors to students. A review began last year, and an annual update of these courses will be a continued project of the IAC. The Sports center continues to be a topic needing to move from discussion to establishment. Mike will have new material for the IAC website concerning the FAR update.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.