

**Draft**  
**Intercollegiate Athletics Committee**  
**Minutes of the February 10, 2011 Meeting**

*The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11 a.m. In attendance were:*

*Andy McCollough, Chair*  
*Albert Matheny*  
*Mike Katovich*  
*Jeremy Foley*  
*Keith Carodine*  
*Joe Delfino*  
*Jaime McCloskey*  
*Lynda Tealer*  
*Alicia Goodwin*  
*Jessica Harland-Jacobs*  
*Rebecca Pauly*  
*Jill Varnes, Faculty Athletic Representative (F.A.R.)*  
*Patricia Telles-Irvin*  
*Ryan Moseley*  
*Dave Bloomquist, Secretary*

*Guests: Zina Evans, Pat Herring, Bernard Mair, Dave Kratzer*

**Agenda – February 10, 2011**

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
2. Conversation with Coach Muschamp.
3. Report of subcommittee reviewing the charges of the IAC (Varnes, Harland-Jacobs, McCloskey).
4. Discussion of policies and procedures associated with Spring admits of student athletes (Herring).
5. Designation of sub-committee to review and report on student learning disabilities.
6. Report of Faculty Athletics Representative (Varnes).
7. Liaison Update.
8. Student and Student Athletes Reports.
9. Other Business

**ITEM 2. Conversation with Coach Muschamp.** *Due to Coach Muschamp's schedule, Andy introduced him to the committee and guests, explaining the objectives and role of the IAC, its interaction with the UAA liaison members and upper administration. The coach reiterated his philosophy of teaching his players to make good decisions, to get their degrees and ultimately be successful off and on the field. He is very excited about being at UF, feels he has an excellent staff who are all on board in helping prepare the players for their careers. He singled out Keith Carodine for doing a fantastic job of academic support and new hire, Terry Jackson who will be involved in helping the athletes acquire critical life skills (resume writing, interviewing, etc.)*

*He said he constantly reminds recruits and his players that only four percent of ALL football players (Division I, II, III, etc.) play more than four years in the NFL. That is why it is so important to complete their degrees - a goal that he is passionate about.*

Patricia mentioned that her office (Office of Student Affairs) has numerous resources available for students (Housing, Career Resources, Counseling, to name a few) and that she hoped Terry Jackson was aware of and would use them as needed. The Coach said he will make sure Terry is informed.

Ryan also said he would like to meet with Terry to help in any way from a student's perspective.

Andy told Will how important the Coach is to the student athletes as a role model. The Coach agreed, stating that unfortunately, in today's society, many students do not have a father figure telling them what to do (and not to do).

Andy wanted the Coach to understand that the IAC will work with him and his staff in any way to enhance the academic lives of the student athletes.

**ITEM 1. Approval of the minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.** The next order of business was to approve the December 3, 2010, meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the minutes approved unanimously.

**ITEM 3. IAC Charges Committee Update.** Jill updated the committee on the IAC charges. Previously, Andy had sent out her subcommittee's draft report for comments. In it, they made several recommendations. She said other schools have a similar structure in place with the exception of Kentucky. One of the recommendations was to add "SEC" to "NCAA rules" that the IAC should review. This is because some of the SEC rules are more stringent. They suggested adding the word "academic" to "issues" in order to narrow the focus on the IAC's responsibilities.

Andy will ask a sub-subcommittee to work with Keith on preparing a list of reports that the IAC should be reviewing on a regular basis.

Mike recommended changing the wording of charge F., "Report ...to the Senate twice a year.....", to "Report ... to the Senate at least once a year....".

Jeremy brought up the point that charge C., "Monitoring changes in NCAA and SEC rules and procedures...." is very broad. He suggested add qualifiers such as, "Monitoring changes in NCAA and SEC rules and procedures related to student athletes academics and welfare...." is a more appropriate responsibility of the IAC. Jamie will work with Andy to decide what topics to bring to the committee for discussion.

Jill did say her subcommittee had discussed adding "welfare" but decided it was too broad a term and instead the IAC should focus on academics. Andy agreed stating that "welfare" could include such items as: are the students getting the right food, the anti-drug issue, etc.

Jill said her group will word-smith it and send it electronically for consideration by the committee. Ultimately it will go to the President.

Rebecca asked if there is a document that spells out the operating procedures for the IAC (e.g. meeting frequency, voting rules [who votes], etc.) Jill said there is none, consistent with Presidential Committees. Andy feels having a committee protocol is probably a good idea and will have something to discuss at the next meeting.

Patricia reminded the members, that the last NCAA Certification listed the responsibilities of the IAC and due to her leaving UF, to make sure any changes we make are congruent with it. Andy said once Jill et. al., have made

*their recommended changes, it will be distributed and, once there is consensus, it will be recommended to the President.*

**ITEM 4. Spring Admits.** *This agenda Item was prompted by the Provost. It concerns Spring admits that arrive on campus, but have not yet been certified as graduates by their respective High Schools. Hence, they cannot register for their classes, and simply sit in, assuming that they will eventually be cleared.*

*Zina said that it is a timing issue. High Schools typically close down in the middle of December and do not open until the second week in January. During this period, UF is not able to exchange the required documents (High School and NCAA Eligibility Center) needed to register the students.*

*Pat Herring distributed a document with data showing the number of admits, number lost and reasons for departure from UF. It also provides a list of risks associated with this practice. He further explained that steps are taken (transcript review, unofficial letters from the High Schools in October stating that they are likely to graduate, and a second letter in December saying yes they have graduated, with official transcripts forthcoming, etc.). Fortunately, there has been no students failing to register during this Spring semester.*

*Jamie added that there are other safeguards in place. He and the admissions officers meet daily and all must agree that before the student comes to Gainesville, they believe that there is a very high probability of qualifying. Further, if there is a doubt, they do not register for full time status until qualified.*

*Unfortunately, this Spring, the issue was not resolved until after Drop/Add had ended. Pat said Spring admissions is a nationwide problem.*

*Andy suggested that Pat and Jamie prepare a document spelling out the procedures and safeguards in place, which will be given to the President and Provost.*

*Albert added, as a member of the admissions committee, that they take a very risk adverse approach in these situations. If there is **any** question of a student possibly not qualifying, they are excluded from coming.*

*The question was raised on what is the Spring admit process for non-student athletes? Zina said that individual colleges admit the student and if for example, a transfer student failed to receive their AA degree and is currently enrolled at UF, they are automatically switched to non-degree status. They then must appeal to switch back to degree track.*

**ITEM 5. Student learning disabilities.**

*Andy requested that a subcommittee be formed to address the question of students with learning disabilities. He asked Albert, Rebecca and Ryan to serve and all agreed. After the meeting he would speak to them on their specific charge.*

**ITEM 6.** *Jill updated the committee on the F.A.R.s' upcoming events. They will meet with the SEC in Nashville in early March.*

*They are currently reviewing the twelve SEC post graduate scholarship nominees (one female and one male). Each school's F.A.R. evaluates 11 of the candidates (they do not evaluate their own school's nominees).*

*She is preparing her athletics update report to the Faculty Senate, which will be presented at the April meeting.*

**ITEM 8. Student Updates**

*Alicia said they are currently soliciting Tee-shirts from teams to donate to Haiti. In addition, they are planning the April Letterman Awards Ceremony that was started last year.*

*Ryan mentioned that he has to write a 25 page paper involving sports. It was suggested that he write it on the over signing issue in football. This is a serious problem that the President feels strongly about. Ryan agreed and Jamie will help him with any information.*

**ITEM 7. Liaison Updates**

*Jeremy said he is extremely proud of the teams, especially on how highly ranked so many are. He said the coaches and their talented athletes deserve most of the credit for their success.*

*Jamie is still waiting for the SEC's report on compliance that was submitted last Fall. Once he receives it, he will share it with the committee.*

*Keith told the committee that forty six student athletes made the SEC Academic Honor Role. The soccer team had 19 and 20 football players were selected.*

*He said the Tee-shirt "Drive for Haiti" is also requesting notebooks for school kids.*

*He and Terry Jackson will attend the NCAA's Life Skills Seminar today in Orlando.*

*Lynda had nothing to report.*

**ITEM 9. Other Business.**

*Andy concluded the meeting asking if the committee had reviewed the "Inside Higher Education" article on major violations. He said there were four major areas. One dealt with recruiting, while the other three focused on academics (admissions, eligibility, academic fraud). He stated that this illustrates how important this committee plays in safeguarding our athletic and academic programs.*

*Jeremy also said that he and Jamie met with all the coaches and insist that they must know and play by the rules, i.e., that "one bad apple..." is all it takes. He said this message is constantly relayed to the coaches.*

*Mark Rush will attend next meeting to update the committee on the Predictive Index,*

**ITEM 6.**

*With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*David Bloomquist,  
IAC Secretary*