

# Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

## MINUTES

Thursday, October 18, 2010

3:00 p.m.

AAC Conference Room

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**Call to order:** The meeting is called to order at 3:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Brian Hutchinson, Richard Fletcher, Sara Larson, Steven Chen, Peggy Osborne, Charles Holloway, Keith Nunn, Jami Hornbuckle, Madonna Weathers, Phillip James, Tim Simpson, Ron Morrison, Bob Albert and Ann MacIntosh

**Members Absent:** Ellie Roberson

### Roll Call

**Review of Committee Responsibilities:** Hutchinson discusses the duties and responsibilities of the IAC, including venue schedule review and approval, intercollegiate athletics in relation to academics, etc. and reminded committee that duties and responsibilities are outlined online.

**Election of Chair-Elect:** Holloway suggests Simpson as chair-elect. Simpson accepts. Morrison motions to approve. MacIntosh seconds.

**Administrative Organization-Athletics:** Hutchinson discusses recent organizational changes in Athletics: Richard Fletcher-Senior Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance; Brittany Booth-Associate Director of Athletics will now oversee the Spirit program in addition to her other duties; Sara Larson-Senior Woman Administrator in addition to her duties as Head Women's Trainer. Men's Basketball Coaching Staff new hires: Wade O'Connor, Joseph Price and Adam Howard. Women's Basketball Coaching Staff new hires: Tom Hodges (Head Coach), Eric White, Christian Stefanopoulos, and Lindsey Hicks. Soccer Coaching Staff new hire: Jeremy Groves. Softball Coaching Staff new hire: Allison Honkofsky and Jordan McPherson

**Review of Athletics Schedules for:** Hutchinson discussed athletics competition schedules as they stand. Cross Country-4 missed days; Baseball-9 missed days; Softball-11 missed days; and Men's Basketball-18 missed days (over 2 semesters with OVC tournament included). Women's Basketball competition schedule will be discussed at the next meeting. Albert states in self-study report that Academic support and personnel were one area we fell short and asks if this has changed. Hutchinson answers we currently have one full time Academic Coordinator and a Graduate Assistant. When Academic area moves to the Wellness Center a proposal for additional staff will be requested. Holloway asks if students use other on-campus tutoring. Fletcher answers yes, and states that we have established Tickets for Tutor program to enlist volunteers for tutoring in exchange for 2 general admission tickets to all events. Simpson makes motion for competition schedules be approved. MacIntosh seconds.

**Review of Community Service Program-Senior Exit Interview:** Larson states athletic goal of 1000 hours of community service. To date 305 hours have been completed. Information is imputed in data base by person per sport. Larson states that this extra activity can help students when applying for additional scholarships/aid. Larson discusses Senior Exit Interviews are NCAA mandated. Larson states that a sample 10% of interviews will be done for exiting seniors, but anyone who leaves before graduating will be required to complete an exit interview. Some interviews will be conducted by Peggy Osborne. Simpson asks did we poll other athletic sites for samples of other exit interviews. Larson states yes. Simpson asks what we want to achieve with the interviews. Larson states the goal is to learn why we have students leaving or transferring before graduation. Osborne states to get the Student Athlete's perception of our program. Hutchinson suggests sample of Exit Interview be examined for holes, and any questions/concerns be addressed to Larson by October 25, 2010.

**E-Advising:** Fletcher discusses the addition of the new program E-Advising. Training will be October 25, 2010 for coaches and staff. Fletcher states this program should help the student athlete prepare and follow scheduling for his/her chosen program. Fletcher states this will hopefully eliminate students taking unnecessary classes or fall short of hours. Fletcher states that Patty Little and Craig Dennis have been trained by NCAA in how to work with student athletes and schedules. Fletcher states our goal is for the student athlete to stay eligible and graduate. Pre-registration for Spring 2010 is set for November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Additional discussion:** Hutchinson suggests 2 IAC meetings be held in the spring. Next IAC meeting will be Monday, November 8, 2010 in the AAC conference room at 3:15 p.m. Potential topics to be discussed are Women's Basketball travel schedule and drug-testing policy. Committee will tour facilities.

**Adjournment:**

- James asks for motion to adjourn.
- MacIntosh motions.
- The meeting concluded at 3:45p.m.