Call to order:  The meeting is called to order at 3:15 pm – Vice-Chair Phillip James

Members Present:  Bob Albert, Sara Larson, Ron Morrison, Charles Holloway, Jami Hornbuckle, Madonna Weathers, Peggy Osborne, Steve Chen, Phillip James, Jackie Darling, Brian Hutchinson

Members Absent:  Eleanor Roberson, John Michael Reitz, Tim Simpson

Staff Support Present:  Richard Fletcher

Review of Student Athlete Conduct Appeals:

- Significant discussion regarding three facets of the proposal from subcommittee. First, who receives the appeal? There was disagreement that the appeal should come through the athletics director as was recommended by the subcommittee. Rather, that the appeal should go through someone else, as the athletic director’s sanctions would have led to the appeal process. It was questioned that the appeal should go through the Vice President for Student Life.
- Second, a question arose regarding the need for a member of the appeals committee to be from the University Police Department.
- Third, a question regarding the three day process in the appeal proposal arose, asking if that amount of time should be “appealable.”
- A motion was made to remove the police and add the FAR to the appeals committee. Motion failed for lack of a second.
- There was also a friendly amendment to end the last sentence of the proposal after “decision.” This motion failed.
The proposal was then voted on and approved unanimously as follows:

- Student-Athlete Conduct Review Appeal Procedure
  Any student-athlete sanctioned by the Director of Athletics under these procedures may appeal within five working days of the decision. He/she must submit a request for appeal to the Dean of Students in writing. The Dean of Students will notify the Chair of the Student-Athlete Conduct Review Committee. In the event of an appeal, the committee shall consider all factors, including any extenuating circumstances. The student-athlete may appear personally before the committee, with or without a representative of her/his own choosing from the members of the university community. The committee will meet within five working days of receiving notice from the Dean of Students. The student-athlete must abide by the sanction of the Director of Athletics until the case has been reviewed by the committee.

The review committee shall be composed of: Dean of Students, Chief Diversity Officer, Representative of Counseling Services, Representative of MSU Police Department, Chair (voting member of IAC, non-athletics staff).

Within three working days after hearing the appeal, the committee shall issue its decision which shall be final with no further right of review.

Travel Issues:

- This was an issue that came up in the OVC’s compliance review as there is no specific relief due to missed class time issues when an extra evening’s travel may be required or in view of safety concerns.
- The committee voted to give the AD discretion to make that decision in his or her best judgment.
- The motion passed unanimously.

Other discussion:

- Student-Athlete Honors Banquet will be held on April 30 at 6:30 pm.
- The next two IAC meetings are scheduled for February 20 and April 18 at the EAGLE Center. Both meetings will begin at 3:15 pm.

Adjournment:

- Meeting is adjourned at 4:00 pm.