



January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Athletic Compliance Committee

Present: Ethan Bergman, Marv Bouillon, Lindsey Brown, Epiphany Clark, Mindie Dieu, Scott Drummond, Dennis Francois, Kathy Gaer-Carlton, Marissa Howat, Gary Hyatt, Kari Johnson, Pam McMullin-Messier, Lisa Plesha, Eric Scott, Rory Weishaar

### I. Welcome

New members to the committee were introduced.

### II. Actions

Select members that would like to be involved with release requests, financial aid cancellation, and title IX review.

The following committee members agreed to be on the appeals subcommittee: Ethan Bergman, Marv Bouillon, Mindie Dieu, Scott Drummond and Kathy Gaer-Carlton.

Lisa Plesha and Eric Scott agreed to help Gary Hyatt with the Title IX review of Athletics.

### III. Items for Discussion

- a. NCAA Convention- Ethan Bergman, Dennis Francois, Kari Johnson

Gary summarized the convention voting results. Division II delegates adopted six pieces of legislation. Two new additions to the Division II rule book include legislation that will require national certification of designated strength and conditioning coaches and require student-athletes to be

athletically and academically eligible in order to compete as individuals in unattached competition.

Other proposals that received majority support included:

- A proposal that, beginning August 1, will provide greater flexibility for student-athletes to participate in a foreign exchange or study abroad program recognized by the school during the non-championship segment without it triggering eligibility concerns.
- A proposal that, beginning August 1, will permit a student-athlete who is required to have designated a degree program to use up to six credit hours per term earned in a voluntary or optional minor to meet credit-hour requirements under progress-towards-degree rules.
- An allowance for football student-athletes to participate in up to two hours of individual skill instruction per week outside of the playing season during the academic year, effective immediately.
- A new regulation that, beginning, August 1, 2016, will make automatic qualification for Division II championships more accessible for various sports.

b. Women's Rugby-Dennis Francois

Dennis reported that there are now 18 schools interested in making women's rugby an NCAA sanctioned championship. The number of schools needed is 40 so we are almost half way there.

Kari added that another topic of conversation at the convention was best practices in mental health for athletes. She is working on developing a peer group that would help student-athletes transition from competition to the real world. Some of the topics include: career building and healthy life style.

c. Faculty Affiliate Program-Ethan Bergman

Ethan reported that each sport now has a faculty/staff affiliate. The group of affiliates will meet in February to discuss best practices.

d. Update on new academic legislation-Gary Hyatt

Gary stated that they are in the process of getting the word out to high schools that effective 2018, academic standards are increasing for

freshmen. In addition, transfer students will need to have an AA degree. This will be a huge culture change.

e. Waivers

Eligibility standards are being developed, but waivers will largely be based on how good of a student they are.

IV. Other

Update on Athletics

Dennis reminded the group that the National Signing Day event is February 3 at the Blue Rock Saloon at 5:00 PM.

Basketball is in full swing. The women's team is 4<sup>th</sup> in their conference and the men are 6<sup>th</sup>.

Baseball and softball are just around the corner.

Kim will contact the committee to arrange the meeting in February.

Meeting adjourned.