



**January 29<sup>th</sup> 2014**

## **Athletic Compliance Committee**

**2:00 PM**

**SURC 140**

### **I. Welcome**

Present: Miriam Bocchetti, Danielle Brandli, Joe Brooks, Lindsey Brown (for Tina Morefield), Scott Drummond, Dennis Francois, Steve Hussman, Gary Hyatt, Robert Lowery, Jeffrey Stinson

### **II. Actions**

No actions.

### **III. Items for Discussion**

#### **a. NCAA Convention- Gary & Dennis**

Gary reported that all but one of the proposed legislations passed at the NCAA Convention (a summary of the legislation was presented at our Nov 21, 2013 meeting). The legislation that did not pass was Proposal No. 2-14: Progress Toward Degree Proposal No. 2, which would have required 27 semester/40 quarter hours per year in years one and two of an athlete's eligibility.

Dennis reported that South Dakota School of the Mines will remain in our football conference for 2 years. They will move to another conference after that. The GNAC is looking at additional schools to join our conference. The top 8 teams in the region will make football playoffs. The site for next year's Division II basketball championship is Montana Billings. Dennis also reported that the federal graduation rate at CWU is 66% and GNAC is 60%. CWU's academic success rate is 69% and GNAC is 75%, so we have a little work to do in that area.

#### **b. Game Environment Changes- Dennis**

Dennis highlighted some of the changes that have occurred at the home basketball games:

- The band has moved to the south baseline making them more visible

- The student section is being promoted more
- Student athletes are being encouraged to sit with the rest of the student body &
- The fight song is played when the teams are brought onto the court

### c. Faculty Affiliate Program- Gary

Gary announced that they hosted another faculty affiliate event. They invited faculty from the College of Education & Professional Studies (CEPS) to a home game. They received free tickets to the game, participated in some half-time events, and Connie Lambert was recognized for her last year as the Dean of CEPS. The next group will be Saturday, Feb 1 and then they will host the College of Arts and Humanities on Feb 27. Folks seem genuinely interested and excited about the program.

### d. Apple Conference-Dennis

Dennis and Danielle both attended the APPLE conference over the weekend. The conference is dedicated to substance abuse prevention and health promotion for student athletes and athletics department administrators. Dennis stated that the APPLE model consists of 7 slices: recruitment, expectations and attitudes, policies, education, drug testing, sanctioning, and referral and counseling. Danielle added that they listened to some great speakers, they participated in breakout groups, and brainstormed ideas for things to implement here at CWU. Some of the ideas included hanging posters in bathroom stalls and doing a social media campaign on twitter and instagram to education student athletes about substance abuse and how it affects their play. It was very educational. Both Dennis and Danielle thanked the Wellness Center for their support for the conference.

### e. Conflict Avoidance Update

Gary explained that the conflict avoidance proposal has gone to the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Student Success, and a few other places for review. It will be brought back to our next meeting for one more review before it is submitted to the Registrar.

## IV. Other

### Update on Athletics

Men's and Women's basketball is underway. Mark McLaughlin had back-to-back games where he scored 40 plus points in each game. Indoor track is headed to their first two meets. They had three athletes qualify nationally. Spring sports are gearing up as well. National signing day for football and volleyball is next week.

Steve Hussman reported that he is currently helping with the Hall of Fame archiving project. They are gathering information and getting things together.