



October 28th, 2014

3:00 PM

Barge 304

Athletic Compliance Committee

I. Welcome

Present: Ethan Bergman, Gail Farmer, Dennis Francois, Kathy Gaer-Carlton, Kari Gage, Steve Hussman, Gary Hyatt, Rob Lowery, Pam McMullin-Messier, Lisa Plesha, Mal Stewman

II. Actions

a. Purpose of committee- Ethan Bergman

Ethan went over the committee purpose and explained that the committee reports to the president through the chief of staff.

b. Look at committee assignments

Kim explained that we are still waiting for a faculty appointment from the College of the Arts. She will follow up with the Faculty Senate Office to see where they are on that appointment. Kari will get the Student Athlete Advisory Committee representative to Kim soon. Then the committee should be close to full membership.

c. Approve last year's end of year report

Gail made a motion to approve last year's end of year report. Kathy seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.

III. Items for Discussion

a. Student-Athlete Success-Gary Hyatt

Gary reported that in collaboration with Student Success, Athletics had the opportunity to hire an academic advisor for student athletes. Mal Stewman has taken over as the Academic Success Coordinator for Student-Athletes, and he is located in the Athletics Annex (old CHCI building).

i. Introduce Mal Stewman- Academic Success Coordinator for Student-Athletes

Gary introduced Mal to the group. Mal explained that he's trying to build a holistic program for student-athletes starting with a Wildcat Academic Success Center that will provide study hall and intrusive advising opportunities.

ii. Wildcat Academic Success Center

Mal reported that he is partnering with the Academic and Research Commons (ARC) in the Library. Student-athletes can receive study hall credit for working in the ARC but must show proof of their tutoring sessions. There is also a classroom available in the Athletic Annex (old CHCI building) room 108.

iii. Study hall/Intrusive Advising

Mal added that a study hall program has been initiated that is designed to provide a structured study environment to support the academic successes of CWU student-athletes. Four hours of study hall are required per week for all student-athletes under a 3.0 GPA. Student-athletes who are under a 2.5 GPA will be required to do six hours of supervised study hall each week. Student-athletes above a 3.0 GPA may opt out of study hall but may be assigned study hall hours at the discretion of their coaches. The hope is to eventually expand and have additional faculty and community members help with the study hall program. Coaches are supportive of the programs.

iv. Missed Class Policy

Mal reported that we are gaining more faculty partners with regard to the missed class policy. Discussions will continue on this, but the goal will be to have the policy all-inclusive, so that any students participating in official university business (athletics, music, theatre, etc.) would be covered by this policy. Mal will convene a subcommittee to discuss how to move forward.

b. Faculty/Staff Affiliate Program- Ethan Bergman

Ethan reported that every sports team, with the exception of track, has at least one faculty/staff affiliate assigned to them. The idea is to make a connection; get folks to the game, offering to help at study hall, and then hopefully, a successful experience. For the student-athletes it would mean a connection ➡ retention ➡ graduation.

c. Substance Use and Personal Conduct Policy-Dennis

Dennis explained that this policy was drafted as a result of attendance at the APPLE conference. SAAC took the lead and developed the policy. It creates consistency across the board, making the department feel like there's community on all fronts. The policy has been introduced to student-athletes and coaches. Student-athletes that don't adhere to this policy will also be subject to the Student Code of Conduct, so Richard DeShields reviewed the policy as well. Any appeals to this policy will come to the Athletic Compliance Committee. This policy is going through the university approval process now and the hope is to have it through that process soon.

IV. Other

Update on Athletics

Dennis thanked committee members for their service on the committee. He added that we have great activity on this committee, which is not the case at all universities.

Cross Country is doing well. The GNAC Conference Championship meet is this weekend. Dani Eggleston and Connie Morgan are on track to have great showings.

Volleyball is currently ranked 24th in the nation and 4th in the conference.

Soccer must win one of their two games this weekend in order to make the conference tournament.

Both Men's and Women's Rugby are in the heat of their seasons. Conference play is in the fall and championship play is in the spring. Women's Rugby beat Quinnipiac this last weekend. That was a huge win for us. Men's Rugby is currently competing in the 7's tournament. They are currently ranked 5th in the nation.

The last home football game is this Saturday. Please plan to attend and check out the new Fan Zone located to the south of Tomlinson Stadium.