



September 30th, 2015

3:00 PM

Barge 304

Athletic Compliance Committee

Present: Ethan Bergman, Lindsey Brown, Epiphany Clark, Mindie Dieu, Scott Drummond, Gail Farmer, Dennis Francois, Kathy Gaer-Carlton, Kari Gage, Gary Hyatt, Pam McMullin-Messier, Rob Perkins, Mal Stewman, Stuart Thompson, Jordan Todd

I. Welcome-Ethan Bergman & Dennis Francois

Dennis gave a quick update on athletics. An orientation was held for fall quarter student athletes in late summer. This is the first time the event was held and it was very successful. Athletics hired three positions over the summer:

- Mike Larabee, Head Softball Coach
- Caleb Dunlop, Assistant Director of Athletic Communications
- Tyler Unsicker, Assistant Athletic Director for External Affairs

Volleyball had record attendance last Thursday, September 24. It was a CWU and a GNAC record. Football had a rough start, but they are coming along. Soccer is underway and Dani Eggleston continues to lead the pack in cross country. Women's Rugby has their home opener this Saturday against Washington State University. Men's Rugby will participate in the 7's tourney. It will be an exciting year.

II. Actions-Discuss and determine outcome for SA that is ineligible upon her return to CWU.

Gary explained that he might need to bring an exception to a student-athlete appeal to the committee in the near future. It is dependent on the student making the softball team. Gary will vet the exception through the GNAC conference office before bringing to the committee if it comes to that.

III. Items for Discussion

a. Violations-Gary Hyatt

Gary reported that in the spring there was a secondary NCAA violation involving a prospect. Athletics self-reported the violation.

b. New Academic Rules-Gary Hyatt

Gary explained the new academic rules for athletes:

- Beginning this spring, student-athletes will need 8 credits toward a degree every quarter
- The requirement of 75% of credits must be during the regular academic year is going away
- Student-athletes must earn 36 credits toward a degree every year (counting summer)
- There will be no more averaging except going into junior year (7th quarter)

c. Priority Registration-Ethan Bergman

Ethan reported that the priority registration policy is kind of dead in the water. He is struggling with the hard data gathering. If you have ideas about getting this policy vetted, please send them to Ethan. A brain storming session will be planned for our next meeting.

d. Faculty Affiliates-Ethan Bergman

Ethan stated that the Faculty/Staff Affiliate program is moving along. Every team has a faculty/staff affiliate assigned to them. So far, it's a very positive project.

e. EKG Testing –Kari Gage

Kari explained that student-athletes are now being required to do EKG testing in order to get clearance for athletic participation. Since fall sports are already underway, they will test in January. All other teams will be tested in the next week.

IV. Other