



**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

## Athletic Compliance Committee

### I. Welcome

Present: Ethan Bergman, Danielle Brandli, Scott Drummond, Gail Farmer, Dennis Francois, Kathy Gaer-Carlton, Kari Gage, Gary Hyatt, Rob Lowery, Pam McMullin-Messier, Rob Perkins, Lisa Plesha, Jeff Stinson, Stuart Thompson, Jessica Van Dyke

### II. Actions

None.

### III. Items for Discussion

#### a. GNAC Meeting-Ethan Bergman & Dennis Francois

The GNAC management council, faculty athletic reps, compliance officers, and senior women's administrators met last weekend in Portland. The FARs talked about several items including class attendance and missed class policies. The SWAs discussed the Student Athlete Advisory Committees and what they are doing at each of the campuses. They are arranging visits to each other's campuses. Kari added that there is a "Women in Sports" seminar on May 17 in Seattle. Students and employees in various departments from campus will be invited to attend. The cost is \$25/person. Contact Kari at [gagek@cwu.edu](mailto:gagek@cwu.edu) if you are interested in attending. Dennis reported that the management council reviewed and approved all of the sports minutes for the past couple of months. They discussed the GNAC basketball tournament at length. They want to keep it as a joint men's and women's tournament. Another hot topic included basketball doubleheaders. The management council is pushing for more doubleheaders, with the same team for the men's and women's games. A pregame protocol motion did not pass. We were asking to mandate a five-minute break back in the locker room right before game time for fan experience/activities. The national anthem protocol that designates consistency passed. Dennis added that Concordia College has submitted their application for the GNAC conference. Carroll College is also interested in joining the GNAC. They have hired a consultant to research the pros/cons for them. Gary reported that the compliance officers discussed several items related to compliance.

## b. Publicity for Signees- Gary Hyatt

Gary reported that legislation regarding “Publicity after Commitment” is going forward. The hope is to change to the Division I model, which isn’t so restrictive. If approved, this will ease the burden on coaches and staff with regard to how we publicize our signed prospective student athletes.

## c. Strategic Plan

Dennis explained that the Athletics Department has been working on their strategic plan. They have developed their mission, vision and core values and will be working on objectives next.

## d. Travel Procedures

Gary reported that they are doing an internal review of their travel procedures in Athletics in order to try and unify travel for all sports.

## e. Topics

Gary stated that “topics” is a new agenda item. This will be for committee members to suggest possible topics for the next meeting – items that they would like an update on, etc. Some suggestions included:

- Priority registration – where are we on that?
- Eligibility process
- Excused absences for athletes
- What can other departments do to help promote athletics? Better communication about events on campus – trying not to schedule an event when there’s a big athletic competition the same night; cross promotion of events on campus, etc.

## IV. Other

Kathy reminded the committee that Wildcat Day is this Saturday, April 12. Approximately 1000 students and parents will be on campus. This is the last hurrah before admissions confirmations are due.

Paul Silvi, the sports anchor for King 5 news will be on campus Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM in the SURC Theatre. Mr. Silvi will be sharing details of his journey to King 5 and what it took to get there.

## Update on Athletics

Spring sports are doing well. Baseball’s record is currently 18-14 overall and 11-10 in the conference. They travel to Nampa, ID this weekend and have their last home games April 18 & 19. Softball’s record is currently 21-13 overall and 10-6 in the conference. They have home games this weekend against Western Oregon and Saint Martin’s. Both the Wildcat men’s and women’s track and field teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their recent meets. They host the Spike Arlt Invitational next week on April 19. Men’s Rugby continues to dominate. They play the University of Oregon this weekend and then they travel to UCLA to play the University of Utah in the Varsity Cup Super Regionals.