



October 26, 2018
9:00 AM
Barge Hall, Room 304

Athletic Compliance Committee

I. Welcome

Present: Ethan Bergman, Lindsey Brown, Laura Dahlby Nicolai, Dennis Francois, Marissa Howatt, Gary Hyatt, Melissa Magnusson, Brian McGladrey, JoAnn Page, Mal Stewman

II. Actions-

a. Intro to Laura Dahlby Nicolai as Co-Chair

Laura Dahlby Nicolai was welcomed to the committee. She is the new Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance/SWA. She started August 1, 2018.

b. Report Secondary Violation-Laura

Laura explained that Athletics recently self-reported a secondary violation for a baseball player. The student athlete will be held from one game. Athletics uses secondary violations as great opportunities for educating staff. Laura added that the NCAA likes to see these reports because it shows that we are monitoring our systems and have institutional controls in place. The goal for Athletics is to strive for no repeat offenders.

III. Items for Discussion

a. Purpose of Committee-Ethan

Ethan reminded the committee of their purpose:

- establishes institutional policies and procedures that ensure institutional compliance with NCAA bylaws, adherence to state and federal guidelines related to the conduct of athletic programs, and adherence to university expectations for student-athletes;

- review and recommend actions related to student-athlete petitions for NCAA academic waivers;
- discuss matters of concern to student-athletes. Matters of consideration and discussion will include but are not limited to: academic issues and proposals, federal and state regulations, financial aid issues, gender equity and Title IX issues, NCAA institutional control issues, NCAA rules education, and NCAA self-study.

This committee is considered the oversight committee by the NCAA. On occasion, the committee, also hears athletic appeals. Ethan added that we are close to having the committee membership filled. We just need a couple of faculty members and two students. Gary mentioned that Jaden Hassell will likely return as one of the student representatives from the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC).

b. Update on Missed class policy-Ethan

Ethan and Brian are working on the missed class policy and plan to make it broader than just athletics. It will include Theatre, Music, ROTC, etc. Brian reported that he took the policy to the executive committee of the Faculty Senate. They suggested that he bring it back with some data. They would like to see instances/case studies where students have had issues with faculty regarding missing class to represent the university. Ethan and Brian will work on a survey to gather this data. Mal suggested advocating with departments for additional options or alternative offerings for students as needed. Gary added that priority registration has helped with this issue a lot, but there are still many students who could benefit from a policy of this nature.

a. Ribbon Cutting FRSAASC-Laura

The Athletic Academic Success Center has moved to the 4th floor of the Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held November 9th at 3:30 PM in room 405 to dedicate the *Freedman-Remak Student-Athlete Academic Success Center*. Mal commended Library staff for being so accommodating and helping with the move of the Center to the Library.

b. Facility Update-Dennis

Dennis reported that the Tomlinson Stadium upgrade is complete and a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the first home game on September 29. He added that the renovations are a game changer for our student-athletes and our programs, and the community of Ellensburg as well. This is the first major overhaul of the football facility in nearly six decades. The stadium is now regulation size for rugby and soccer, so we are now in line to have one of the best multi-use facilities in the GNAC. Dennis added that the Recreation Expansion project is going well. They should be turning the keys over for their project on October 31st. A ribbon cutting ceremony for Rec Expansion will also be held on November 9 at 2:00 PM at the complex entrance.

c. Waivers-Laura

Laura reported that they requested legislative relief for two student athletes and both were granted.

IV. Other

Dennis Francois- Athletic update

Dennis gave a quick update on Fall Athletics:

- Soccer concluded their season last night and they finished strong; 5-8-4 overall, 5-5-2 in the conference and finished 5th in the conference.
- Volleyball won last night. They are currently ranked 5th in the region and are in a good position to qualify for the tournament; 17-5 over, 11-4 in the conference and currently tied for 2nd in the conference with Alaska Anchorage.
- Football has three games left. They are on their way to Arcata, CA now and will play Humboldt tomorrow evening. They are ranked 8th in the region and are 6-2. The final home game is Nov 10.
- Cross Country will participate in conference championships next week. They are ranked 5th.

Men's basketball begins next week with an exhibition game against Gonzaga in Spokane.

The next meeting is November 19, 2018.