

Meeting Minutes
University Athletics Council
Monday, November 9, 2015
1:30 pm

PRESENT: Christy Baker, Linda Bennett, Steve Bridges, Brody Broshears, John Campbell, Olivia Clark-Kittleson, Kimberly Delaney, Alex Eaton, Katie Ehlman, Andrea Gentry, Jon Mark Hall, Mary Jo Harper, Brian McGuire, Linda Tribble, Jessica Wood, Lucas Woodford

CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES: Katie Ehlman calls the meeting to order at 1:30pm and introduces new members to Council. She asks returning members to introduce themselves. She distributes unofficial minutes from April 28, 2015 meeting and asks for any changes, recommendations to these minutes. Motion to approve February minutes is made and seconded. Christy Baker abstains from vote, not present at last meeting. Minutes are approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Bennett thanks Katie Ehlman for stepping up to the Athletics Council Chair position and gives some detailed background information of her formation of this Council. She thanks Council members for the important work they do. She explains that this is an important time and states that many changes and challenges are on the horizon.

- Most recent meeting of COP/GLVC in Indianapolis
 - VP for D2 spoke – priorities looking ahead
 - “Make it Yours” branding
- IPP – Institutional Performance Program
 - Online data resource to allow comparisons across campuses (will be featured at the 2016 NCAA national convention in January)
- “It’s on us” video campaign on sexual assault
- Discussion on implications of video streaming of games and the challenges it presents to some campuses
- On Campus:
 - Renovation of PAC
 - Exploration of new sports
 - Capital Campaign is coming to an end and contained within will be important news for Athletics
 - New iteration of our strategic plan and how to think ahead for the future of athletics at USI

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Jon Mark Hall discussed performance of team in the fall as both men’s and women’s cross country programs won conference championships and will head to nationals, the men’s soccer team went unbeaten in last seven games to qualify for conference tournament, and volleyball with a big home weekend on the horizon with conference tournament a probability. Women’s soccer did not qualify for the conference tournament in 2015. Jon Mark Hall discussed the implementation of the Expressway Dodge/Career Planning Development Program. Great turnout for the sophomore session with more

sessions to come. John Mark updated group on PAC Renovation Project and let UAC know the next round of meetings take place tomorrow. John Mark Hall Discussed the addition of some sport programs at various GLVC institutions and how it will affect conference championships in the future. Finally, Jon Mark mentioned to council that the GLVC Peer Review will happen on December 2nd and some council members may be asked to take part in this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Progress and Integrity

Brody Broshears discussed the following items. The Academic Progress and Integrity subcommittee met on November 3, 2015

- 5 strategic goals set in February 2013 and progress to date
 1. Foster relationships with advising and advising personnel
 2. Athletic Degree audit process in each college
 - a. Advising centers all fully functional by spring 2015 (hub for sharing Athletics/Academic information)
 - i. Designated staff to work with student athletes
 - ii. Visits from Alex Eaton and Brody Broshears to discuss pathway to graduation changes and other athletics issues
 - iii. Centers serve as hub for progress reports, beginning at 5th semester
 - iv. Increased role of Registrar's Office
 3. Expand data dashboard to include graduation rates and post-grad data
 - a. Graduation and ASR data now a part of data dashboard
 - b. Will begin to look at strategies for gathering post-graduation data
 4. Improve areas for academic and career services for student athletes
 - a. Athletic Peer Coaching program fully functional in Academic Skills
 - b. Designated UNIV 101 course for student athletes
 - c. Career programs through both Lilly (undergraduate career readiness) and Athletics (partnership with Career Services and Expressway Dodge) that focus on needs of student athletes
 - d. Continue to encourage student athletes to meet with advisors early to take advantage of early registration periods
 5. Create bulletin language specific to student athletes related to university absence policy
 - a. Have conducted absence reconnaissance for the last three years in all sports

Student-athlete Welfare and Equity

Alex Eaton reported on progress of the Student-athlete Welfare and Equity subcommittee. The Student-Athlete Welfare and Equity subcommittee met on Tuesday, November 3rd. We reviewed assessment day (seniors) and mapwork (freshman) data to check off the year 3 – accommodation of interests and ability bullet of the Gender Equity Policy. Austin Anderson and Katie Elman worked with OPRA to formulate

the questions asked to the seniors on assessment day. The mapwork questions were already being asked. The subcommittee will report on data after receive some clarification on some of the questions/answers from OPRA and Mapworks as well as narrow down sports that were listed in both reports.

We also discussed the Inclusion Statement that was approved by the President's Office. It is now in all 3 manuals within the athletic department (Student-Athlete Handbook, Compliance Manual, and Athletics Policies and Procedures). It was discussed at the Welcome Back Picnic that was held for student-athletes. This subcommittee will think of more ways to get the statement out.

Fiscal Integrity and Facilities Planning

Steve Bridges updated the group on the plans for PAC renovations. He will bring his subcommittee together as PAC plans evolve.

Governance and Compliance

Mary Jo Harper reported on the following:

1. The completion of the spreadsheet for coach's camps and clinics. The spreadsheet is designed to serve as a reporting document for all revenue coaches received for a particular camp or clinic. This is an NCAA requirement.
2. NCAA new legislation: UAC Governance and Compliance Subcommittee will serve as hearing body for student-athletes who are denied permission to contact and/or a one-time transfer exception.
3. All bullet points on the Blueprint are now complete.

Katie Ehlman will send spring meeting dates.

Meeting adjourned 2:30 pm.