

University of Southern Indiana
University Athletics Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 26, 2010
1:30 pm. HP 2027

Present: Steve Bridges, Michael “Broody” Broshears, Jon Mark Hall, Nadine Coudret, Katie Ehlman, Sandy Farmer, Scott Gordon, J Jon Mark Hall, Mary Jo Harper, Sandy Hatfield, John Key, Jay Newton, Marie Opatrny, Eric Otto, Jeff Seyler

Call to order: Dr. Nadine Coudret called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm and thanked all in attendance for volunteering their time to this important council.

July 15, 2010 minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Athletics Director's report: Jon Mark Hall stated that we have received no word on the August 12, 2010 meeting with NCAA. Academic reports of the athletes will be shared at a future council meeting and discussed. McKendree College has been added to the GLVC conference. Facility upgrades include a new press box for the soccer field. Jon Mark Hall has attended meetings of the “Evansville Sports Corp.” which is a group established in an effort to bring sporting events to the Evansville area at various sites.

Faculty Athletic Representative report: Brody Broshears said that Academic Skills helps and provides assistance to the student athletes. The coaches help monitor the need for academic help for individual student athletes. The Academic Skills department works with individual students when needed. The tutor availability for athletes can be improved. Dr. Coudret suggested that faculty input would be helpful. Plans for academic tutoring for athletes are being discussed and the goal is to be #1 among public institutions in the GLVC.

Specific courses for first year student athletes are identified. Letters that include the individual team schedules are given to faculty by the athletes. The onus is on the students to let their instructors be aware of their absences for team activities.

Committee reports:

Government and Compliance: Jay Newton reported that the Government and Compliance Committee have not yet met. He distributed a Division II compliance Blueprint Program project to members. By April, 2011, the intent is that the stated mission will be accomplished within the department. It is meant to improve structure as needed. Jay reported on some possible changes in Division II that were discussed during the NCAA meetings. A follow-up report on changes and continued discussion will be shared at a later meeting.

Student Athlete Welfare: Randa Dallas was unable to attend this meeting. She emailed a plan for Student Athlete Welfare and Equity. It includes developing a plan for Gender Equity perhaps with a target date of April 2011. Currently the GLVC does not have such a plan.

Facility Planning and Fiscal Integrity: Steve Bridges said that the Facility Planning and Fiscal Integrity committee has a date of November 9, 2010 set for touring the facilities and then will have a report for the council. He is looking at a dashboard data program “EADA” to help with providing data for the committee.

Dr. Coudret reminded all present to continue to check the web site for the Athletic Council for communication updates. The frequency of meetings was discussed. The group will possibly meet again in January and March with additional meeting being called when necessary. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Hatfield