

Meeting Minutes

University Athletics Council
Tuesday, February 08, 2011
11:00am University Center Rm. 215

PRESENT: Christy Baker, Linda Bennett, Karen Bonnell, David Bower, Steve Bridges, Kevin Celuch, Nadine Coudret, Katie Ehlman, Scott Gordon, Jon Mark Hall, Sandra Hatfield, Marie Opatrny, Kim Reddington, Jeff Seyler

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Nadine Coudret called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

OCTOBER 26, 2010 MINUTES

Dr. Coudret asked for any suggested changes to the minutes. No suggestions were presented. Minutes were approved as distributed.

PRESIDENT LINDA BENNETT

President Bennett reflected on the final report issued by the NCAA Division II Committee on Infractions. Dr. Ray Hoops and Mr. Jon Mark Hall handling of this serious situation was evidence of institutional control. She states that the NCAA report will go to the Commission of Higher Education and that she is looking forward to moving ahead from this difficult process.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Jon Mark Hall reports that he has been involved in some sub-committee meetings.

Mr. Hall reports that USI will be making a bid to host NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Regional Tourney in March, 2011, as USI Men's team is currently 2nd place seed. He has also had conversations with the Evansville Sports Corp. and GLVC Commissioner Jim Naumovich about possibility of bringing the GLVC Basketball Tourney to the new downtown arena and the Baseball Tourney to Bosse Field.

Mr. Hall announces that USI Volleyball team won the GLVC Sportsmanship Award and Women's Cross-Country student athlete, Jackie Henderson, won GLVC Scholar Athlete Award.

Per request by USI Athletics, NCCA Compliance Blueprint visit will be April 5-6, 2011. Visit will involve meeting with USI President Linda Bennett, Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Athletics and other campus areas. Purpose of visit is to help map strategies and is a voluntary process. Mr. Hall states that he has been through this procedure before and found it very beneficial.

Mr. Hall initiated discussion amongst Council members present regarding transfer credits for student athletes and communication between student athletes, professors, academic advisors and coaches.

OTHER REPORTS

Ms. Christy Baker suggested that Committees provide a short summary report of their work to Council members before the next meeting. Karen Bonnell will help to get a working BlackBoard site available on which Committee members can collaborate.

Michael "Brody" Broshears reports that Darrin Sorrells, as a "Major Is Home" grant, has hired six student athletes to serve as Peer Student Athletes to provide additional academic assistance. These subject based tutors include athletes from the following sports Volleyball, Men and Women's Tennis and Men and Women's Soccer. So far twelve student athletes have been referred to the program, with increase expected as word of this service grows.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to time restraints, Dr. Nadine Coudret asked that we postpone the other Committee reports and that the Council meet again in 3-4 weeks. She asks that Committees convene in the interim. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55a.m.