

Meeting Minutes  
University Athletics Council  
Tuesday, March 1, 2011  
10:15am University Center

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**PRESENT:** Christy Baker, Karen Bonnell, Steve Bridges, Brody Broshears, Kevin Celuch, Nadine Coudret, Katie Ehlman, Scott Gordon, Jon Mark Hall, Mary Harper, Marie Opatrny, Eric Otto, Jeff Seyler

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Nadine Coudret called the meeting to order at 10:17am

**FEBRUARY 08, 2011 MINUTES**

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

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR' REPORT**

Jon Mark Hall gave a report from the Athletics Department. Hall gave an update on the progress of the baseball, softball and basketball teams. Hall said that Jay Newton was preparing for the NCAA Compliance Blueprint visit in April.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Dr. Coudret spoke with President Linda Bennett and stated that Dr. Bennett was very appreciative of our efforts and reiterated the importance of the committee.

Mr. Michael "Brody" Broshears gave an update on his role as the Faculty Athletics Representative at USI. He explained that he serves as the liaison to the faculty and he reports directly to President Bennett. He also explained that he primarily focuses on the academic welfare of the student-athlete. Mr. Broshears discussed how he handles sensitive issues to dealing with student-athletes absences from class due to athletic competition. He then explained to the group how he is the voting member for USI on Great Lakes Valley Conference matters.

Mr. Broshears spoke about how we do not have a systematic, campus-wide grade check process for student-athletes and discussion ensued about how that could be improved. Dr. Scott Gordon discussed how reporting of student-athletes progress in classes have decreased since the inception of Blackboard.

Dr. Coudret thanked Dr. Karen Bonnell for her efforts in getting the Blackboard site up and running for the UAC. Dr. Bonnell stated that if there were any issues in posting on the Blackboard site, Jason Guerin in ITS is a valuable resource who can assist. Dr. Bonnell explained that the Blackboard site would have separate folders for each subcommittee and everyone would be considered a site builder.

Dr. Coudret discussed how the Blackboard site can serve as an internal device for our committee and discussed how the website can serve as an external device for the committee. She acknowledged Mrs. Mary Harper's effort is setting up the website for the UAC.

Mr. Broshears acknowledged a February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Progress and Integrity subcommittee. He discussed putting together a Data Dashboard for Athletics that would include areas

such as graduation per sport, GPA's per sport, majors of our student athletes among other things. Discussion then ensued throughout the group of how the dashboard for all areas would look. Dr. Coudret stated that she is interested having some benchmark and trending data as it relates to academics and other areas. Dr. Coudret discussed how an intern from the Sports Management Department could assist the UAC in developing these reports. Dr. Scott Gordon and Dr. Kevin Ceulich discussed how the Data Dashboard could be broken into components like some of the colleges have currently. As discussion ensued about the Data Dashboard, Ms. Christy Baker asked if Joe Wingo may be invited to the next meeting to discuss the important involvement of Institutional Research in the process.

Mr. Steve Bridges opened discussion about term limits and the composition of the UAC. Dr. Coudret said that she will discuss need appointments with President Bennett.

Dr. Katie Ehlman gave an update on the work of the Student Athlete Welfare and Equity Committee. Dr. Ehlman spoke about the development of the Gender Equity Report and an outline draft was given to the entire UAC. Mr. Hall spoke about the plan and emphasized the need to have a reporting process for a gender equity or welfare complaint. He also discussed the challenges on gender issues such as roster size and gave examples citing more walk-on student athletes in USI's men's sports programs.

Mr. Bridges gave an update on the work of the Facility Planning and Fiscal Integrity Committee. On November 9, 2010, Dr. Mark Rozewski, Dr. Kevin Ceulich, Mr. Jon Mark Hall and Mr. Steve Bridges toured the athletic facilities and took inventory. Mr. Bridges has posted the report on Blackboard with a report given on the positives and negatives of the facilities. Mr. Bridges went through each sports facility and gave an update on condition and usage. PAC 200 was discussed in length and the issue of indoor practice space was addressed. Discussion ensued also in regards to the weight room in the PAC and the use of RFC by athletic teams.

In his report, Mr. Bridges also addressed the fiscal integrity issue. He stated that we will have the Internal Auditor identify risk assessments in all the areas of athletics.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM.