Minutes

Committee Members Present:
Carolyn O’Connell
Jane Neufeld
Brian Stanko, Chair
Lauren Arceneaux, SAAC
Javier Cervantes
Phyllis Williams
Nelda Hislop-Lawrence
Frank Dale
Thomas Hitcho (special invite)

1) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee unanimously approved the November 4, 2010
      meeting minutes.

2) Athletics Update – Carolyn O’Connell (and Thomas Hitcho)
   a) Tom Hitcho opened with a special presentation on the Norville Center for Intercollegiate
      Athletics. Committee members followed along as Associate Athletic Director, Thomas Hitcho
      reviewed the blueprints for the new addition/building. The group was pleased to learn that the
      ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for early March and that other LSC construction projects
      will progress as scheduled.
   b) Carolyn O’Connell followed with a report on incoming athletic director, Grace Calhoun’s,
      professional career. Grace Calhoun, Ph.D., who presently serves as the Associate Athletic
      Director for Academic and Student Engagement at Indiana University, is a nationally respected
      and veteran administrator who has held leadership positions at a handful of NCAA Division I
      institutions and conferences. She assumes her new post on April 1. At Indiana, Grace currently
      oversees all academic and student development initiatives and heads up Indiana's Excellence
      Academy, an innovative student-development program, which integrates athletics and university
      resources to define, measure, and assess student learning. Additionally, she has fulfilled the duties
      of Senior Woman Administrator, directed compliance and eligibility, managed conference and
      NCAA governance for the university, overseen the student-athlete admissions process and
      athletics scholarship budget, directed major projects and strategic initiatives, and served as a sport
      administrator. As a result of this hiring, Carolyn believes that the coaching and athletic
      administration will advance professionally and that the Loyola athletics program will achieve
      renewed success.

3) FAR Update – Brian Stanko
   a) GOALS Study (Growth, Opportunities, Aspirations and Learning of Students).
      i) Questionnaire was administered last spring as a repeat of the 2006 study. Results still not
         available but should be released later this year.
   b) 2009 Substance Use Study.
      i) This was a repeat of the 2005 study and the results should be released prior to our April
         meetings.
c) Discussion moved to the Loyola University Student-Athlete “Drug Policy”, a subject of discussion at the Committee’s last meeting. The proposal, at the time, was to compare our current policy with that of other Jesuit institutions as well as schools within our athletic conference. Recognizing, however, that a new athletic director will be coming on board, the Committee decided to table this policy review for the time-being and seek out the opinion of incoming AD, Grace Calhoun.

4) SAAC Meeting Update – Lauren Arceneaux
   a) The members of SAAC, as well as many other student-athletes toured the Norville Center with Dr. Kelly and Hitch leading the way. SAAC members were able to see the space for the new weight room and each team's respective locker room, as well as the new study and lounge areas.
   b) Athletes in Action and Athletes for Athletes are still carrying on as the year progresses. Eddie Slowikowski served as a motivational speaker for the athletes who were able to attend. Although there were not as many student-athletes as SAAC had hoped, he should be invited back as we should have a bigger crowd as the students who did go will encourage others to join them. He serves as a great example for our athletes now because he expresses his pride as a Rambler and encourages athletes to do what it takes to make them successful in the classroom, in their sport, and as a person.
   c) SAAC is looking to finalize dates and times for a Career Advice Seminar for underclassmen put on by upperclassmen. The idea was brought up today to invite Alumni to the event as another voice students may not have the chance to hear otherwise. Perhaps if there are recently graduated alumni in the area, we can encourage our athletes now to contact their former teammates and ask them to attend the seminar.
   d) The next SAAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 16th.

5) Student-Athlete Advising Update – Phyllis Williams
   a) Stats for fall 2010. SEM GPA for all athletes - 3.22. CUM GPA for all athletes - 3.20
   b) 148 or 69.48% of all athletes had a GPA of 3.0 or higher
   c) Highest semester team GPA - Women's Soccer at 3.48
   d) 2nd highest semester team GPA - Men's cross country - 3.47
   e) Lowest semester team GPA - Men's Basketball - 2.88
   f) Highest cum team GPA - Men's cross country - 3.44
   g) 2nd highest cum team GPA - Women's Soccer at 3.42
   h) Lowest cum team GPA - Men's Basketball - 2.89
   i) 11 out of 13 teams had a GPA of 3.0 or higher

6) Future Meeting Date.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee plans to hold its next meeting in April, 2011. Day will be dependent upon the Athletic Director’s schedule availability.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm