Loyola University Chicago
Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee Meeting
February 27, 2007
3:00pm

Minutes

Committee Members Present:
Frank Dale
Nelda Hislop-Lawrence
Kevin Huie
Jane Neufeld
John Planek
Hannah Rockwell
Brian Stanko, Chair
Phyllis Williams

1) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee unanimously approved the
      May 1, 2006 meeting minutes.

2) Sports Program Update.
   a) Although there are still several sports yet to be played in the 2006-07 academic
      year, John indicated that this has been an incredibly successful and noteworthy
      season for Loyola athletics as two teams have already advanced to the NCAA
      tournament.
      i) In the fall, both the men’s and women’s soccer teams captured the Horizon
         League Championships and earned automatic bids to the NCAA tournament,
         the first-ever trip for the men’s program and the first since 2003 for the
         women. Loyola was one of only three NCAA Division I schools to have both
         its men’s and women’s soccer programs in the NCAA tournament.
      ii) Despite the loss of head coach Marc Burns just prior to the start of the season,
          the Loyola cross country programs each earned second-place finishes at the
          Horizon League Championships.
      iii) The Loyola men’s basketball program has enjoyed its most successful season
           in over 20 years, posting its first 20-win campaign since 1984-85. With a
           victory at No. 15 Butler on Feb. 22, the Ramblers also picked up their first
           win over a nationally ranked opponent since 1986. Success against ranked
           opponents hasn’t been limited to just basketball as the Loyola men’s
           volleyball program also disposed of a pair of Top 15 foes – Hawaii and Cal
           State Northridge – earlier this season.

3) FAR Update.
a) NCAA Student-Athlete “Experience” Study.
   i) Brian discussed the results of the NCAA “Quality of Life” questionnaire that was completed by members of the Men’s/Women’s Golf and Men’s Volleyball team during the spring 2006 season. The results of the study were very favorable in that 88% of student-athletes earn their degrees, 83% of student-athletes have positive feelings about their choice of major, and 27% of D-1 student-athletes go on to earn their graduate degrees. A few troubling areas revolve around time commitment to chosen sport, degree of satisfaction with choice of major, and degree of satisfaction with graduating GPA.

b) NCAA Certification Self-Study – Post-Study Review Process.
   i) The Committee has completed all sections of the NCAA Certification Self-Study Audit Questionnaire. The Committee agreed that the completed instrument could be reviewed and completed by the appropriate University personnel at the close of the 2006-07 academic year.

c) NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.
   i) Brian indicated that three students, Marcia Faustin (Track), Mallory Moylan (Soccer) and James Grunst (Volleyball) will be applying for NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships. He will be meeting with them in the upcoming weeks to prepare their materials.

d) Horizon League “Scholar Athlete of the Week” Award.
   i) Brian updated the Committee on the requirements to be considered for the Horizon League’s recently initiated “Scholar Athlete of the Week” program. Various Loyola athletes have earned this honor during the past few months.

4) Student-Athlete Advising Update.
   a) Phyllis discussed the recent and upcoming awards ceremony for students receiving Semester 3.0 GPA Awards and for those juniors and seniors earning Cumulative 3.5 GPA Awards.
   b) Statistics show that 67% of Loyola student-athletes had fall 2006 semester 3.0 or higher GPAs, 65% have cumulative 3.0 or higher GPAs and only 10% have GPAs less than 2.5.

5) SAAC Update.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee was advised that SAAC is trying to regain connection with its alumni. SAAC used to have a "Letterman's Club" and the student-athletes would like to bring back that network. SAAC has also discussed developing a resume book. The book would have senior resumes (not mandatory) and would be a great tool for anyone looking for hardworking athlete's with a Loyola degree.
   b) SAAC has also contacted Career Services and is currently setting up a resume building session. The athletes would like to learn how to utilize their athletic experience. Many of the athletes have never worked before due to summer training and/or competition, therefore they feel like their work experience is behind. Learning how to highlight their athletic accomplishments will be beneficial for each athlete looking to enter the working world.
   c) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee was also advised that the SAAC spring 2007 service project is “Save Our Soles”, a shoe drive. SAAC
members believe they can make a large donation if they gather shoes from now through the end of the academic year.

d) Last, the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee was advised by SAAC that it has created a SAAC website. It has a “mission statement”, "where are they now?" section, “what's going on within each sport”, etc. This was the main project from last semester that finally has come together. It's really exciting to see!

6) Other Business.
   a) The Committee discussed membership goals for 2007-08. The group agreed that 1) it needs to maintain a proper member-mix in order to advance the position of Intercollegiate Athletics, and 2) more student-athletes needed to comprise the Committee’s membership. The Committee agreed that SAAC members bring significant insight to our meetings and hope to have 4 SAAC members as part of next year’s group (two serving in the fall and two in the spring). The Committee also identified a few faculty and staff individuals that might be interested in joining the Committee.

7) Future Meeting Date.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee agreed to hold its next meeting Tuesday, April 24th 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15pm