Committee Members Present:
Javier Cervantes
John Planek
Brian Stanko, Chair
Phyllis Williams
Dana Van Diggelen, SAAC

1) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee unanimously approved the October 20, 2009 meeting minutes.

2) Sports Program Update - John Planek
   a) John asked that the Athletic Committee discuss the issue of out-of-season travel once again. John’s recommendation to the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee as it relates to outside competition during the non-traditional season is that a policy be adopted that would require no classes be missed by the student athletes when competing. In addition, that any travel to outside competition takes into consideration University resources and length of time that travels imposes on the student athlete. Brian Stanko added that based upon a previous discussion with FARs during their most recent teleconference, support across other conference institutions was evident. After discussion, the Committee agreed to submit the proposal to Robert Kelly, VP Student Development.
   b) Next, John followed with construction and specific sport highlights. These included:
      i) Facilities are on schedule
         (1) Intercollegiate Athletic Center is on schedule
         (2) Reconfiguration of the Gentile Center
      ii) Men’s Basketball
         (1) 14-16 record season finished
      iii) Women’s Basketball
         (1) 14-13 record with final two regular season games this week
      iv) Men’s Volleyball
         (1) Undefeated 10-0 with wins over Penn State and Ohio State
      v) Indoor Track
         (1) Women finished 3rd in the League and the men finished 5th
   c) John also noted that Loyola honored 156 athletes with a GPA over 3.0 or above and that the Loyola student fan section (the Rambler Rowdies) were selected the top fan group by the Horizon League and won the inaugural trophy presented by the League

3) FAR Update – Brian Stanko
   a) Brian opened by discussing previous policy proposals on “Student-Athlete Dismissal” and Out-of-Season Travel”. According to the proposal on “Student-Athlete Dismissal”, progressive discipline usually consists of oral warning, written warning, suspension and termination. For serious infractions of standards of conduct or departmental policies, immediate suspension or termination may be warranted. Coaches should consult with the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics office, whenever feasible, before taking disciplinary action at the written warning level or above. Because it is important to take immediate action in the case of a serious misconduct, coaches may remove an offending athlete from the team pending investigation of the incident in question. After consultation with the Senior Administration, the following statement was added to the proposed policy “Appeal Process - Dismissed student-athletes will have the right to appeal to the Office of
the Vice President for Student Development who shall rule on the individual case as the final arbitrator.” The final policy will now be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Development for its review and subsequent action.

b) It was further agreed that the “Out-of-Season” travel policy was complete and on the advice of the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee, it would now be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Development for its review and subsequent action.

c) Brian then indicated that John Planek’s recommendation on a new award possibly called the “Horizon League Distinguished Scholar” was well-liked by the Horizon League FARs and will be discussed further in an upcoming FAR teleconference. The award would be given to student-athletes that earned a GPA of 3.75 or above during the previous academic year. The Committee thought the award would be best given to junior and senior student athletes. The number of Loyola student-athletes that qualify for this award is approximately 30-35 annually. FAR discussion will now center on what type of award will be given and whether the Horizon League budget can support the award.

d) Brian followed by mentioning that FARA had inquired as to what type of recognition student-athletes receive at commencement. Upon discussion, the Committee agreed that “Cords” or “Sash” recognition at commencement would be a very nice gesture on Loyola’s part. SAAC will be survey for their thoughts on this matter.

e) Next, Brian indicated that the 2010 NCAA “GOALS” Survey would be administered to Loyola Men’s and Women’s Track teams in the next few weeks. The survey emphasizes college athletic experience, academic experience, social experience, recruitment, overall health and well-being, time commitments, and finances. Previous findings showed: students are actively engaged in academic experience (87% come to class prepared); majority of S/As have access to academic support units; majority of S/As view themselves more as an athlete than a student; majority of S/As are involved in campus wide events; more than 50% of S/As selected institution because of athletics rather than academics but if they had to decide again, they would select same school, majority of S/As report that athletics has had a positive influence on their life; majority of S/As report that they spend as much or more time on sport during “out-of-season” than “in-season”, given “more-time” many S/As would devote the time to athletics rather than academics.

f) Brian followed by sharing the results of the 2008 vs. 2004 Gambling Survey. In aggregate, for most gambling behaviors, social and frequent gambling has declined; social sports wagering is on the rise, internet gambling for money (casino games and sports wagering) has more than doubled from 2004; playing for fun has decreased; no difference between college and professional; participation in fantasy leagues that are free has increased about 30% but if cost involved, only 10%; gambling companions are teammates or other S/As; personal savings generally used (65% of time) when gambling for money though reliance on CCs was (38%); S/As are carrying higher balances on CCs today when compared to 2004.

g) Last, Brian notified the Committee that the results from the spring 2009 NCAA Substance Use Study were not yet released.

4) SAAC Meeting Update - Dana Van Diggelen
a) Introduction – Dr. Planek and Carolyn
   i) “Thank you,” to all SAAC reps for their excellent leadership
   ii) Compliance Discussion
      (1) Sportsmanship/Leadership
         (a) Lead by example and start a trend
      (2) Recruiting policy reminder
         (a) No alcohol-related activities
      (3) Official visit entertainment ideas (e.g. Downtown, Evanston, etc.)
         (a) Email us any great ideas for a Top 5/10 List of what to do with a recruit
         (b) We will post it in the SAAC board
      (4) Graduation Sashes/Ropes for Athletes
         (a) This must first be approved by the university Provost. It is currently being proposed.

b) Dodgeball Feedback
   i) What should we change/do again?
      (1) Keep double elimination, one/maybe 2 games at a time. We will revisit details when planning for the 10-11 tournament.
There will be one all athlete tournament and one available to all students during Hunger Week.

c) Senior Survey
   i) Eligible students will receive a link to the survey via email. The message will come from seniorsurvey@luc.edu
   ii) All participating students can enter a drawing for one of ten $100 gift certificates in appreciation of their time. The survey runs through March 30th.

d) Relay for Life
   i) Friday, April 16th, from 6 p.m. – 6 a.m.
   ii) Copy/Paste the following link to sign up: http://relay.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=22077&pg=entry
   iii) More information is posted on the SAAC board
   iv) You can also direct questions to WSOC’s Maggie Doe

e) News from the Horizon League
   i) The Rambler Rowdies win the Horizon League Student Section Trophy!

f) Athletes-4-Athletes Update – DVD
   i) Update/feedback
      (1) 1st – Men’s Golf
      (2) 2nd – Men’s Volleyball
      (3) 3rd – Women’s Volleyball
   ii) Please discourage/STOP negative participation i.e.:  
      (1) Signing in and leaving immediately or very early on in the competition  
      (2) Signing in names other than your own of people who are not present


g) Career Workshops
   i) Dates for the Resume and Interview workshops will be announced soon!
   ii) 2010 Spring Career Fair
      (1) Thursday, March 25th, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Gentile Center

h) Next SAAC Meeting
   i) Tuesday, April 13, 2010
   ii) Theme: “Graduation 2010: ‘The tassel's worth the hassle!’ ~Unknown”

5) Future Meeting Date.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee plans to hold its final meeting on Monday, April 26th.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.