Loyola University Chicago
Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 26, 2010

Minutes

Committee Members Present:
Frank Dale
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 March 1, 2010 meeting minutes.

2) Sports Program Update - John Planek
   a) Loyola student-athletes are living up to that moniker as they are achieving success both athletically and academically in 2009-10. In the classroom, the Ramblers have shined as 83 student-athletes were named to the Horizon League Fall Academic Honor Roll and 10 of those individuals earned a spot on their respective sport’s Horizon League Winter All-Academic Team. Furthermore, 11 members of the men’s volleyball squad were tabbed MIVA Academic All-Conference.
   b) Under the direction of Shane Davis, who became the winningest coach in Loyola men’s volleyball history when the Ramblers defeated George Mason on Feb. 20, Loyola raced out to a 12-0 start to the season, which included wins over No. 5 Penn State and No. 13 Ohio State. The Ramblers earned a national ranking themselves and posted a 12-0 record at home during the regular season. Senior Kris Berzins, who was hailed as the National Player of the Week on Feb. 1, joined the elite players in school history when he became just the seventh Rambler to accumulate more than 1,000 kills and 500 digs in his career. The Ramblers picked up a first-round win in the MIVA Tournament and will host Lewis in the semifinal round on April 28.
   c) Both basketball squads experienced team and individual acclaim as the women’s squad finished 15-15 for its best record since 2001-02, while senior Maggie McCloskey wrapped up her career ranked 11th in NCAA history with 325 three-point field goals. McCloskey took her sharp-shooting acumen to College 3-Point Championships at the Final Four in Indianapolis, where she advanced to the semifinal round. Loyola’s men’s basketball team went 5-0 against opponents from the state of Illinois and sophomore Walt Gibler was selected Horizon League Sixth Man of the Year. The Rambler Rowdies also were recognized as the Top Student Section in the Horizon League for 2009-10.
   d) Sophomore Devin Gosberry has put together a record-setting year on the track and was named Horizon League Co-Female Indoor Athlete of the Year as she was one of a handful of Ramblers who set school records during the season. The Rambler women captured third place at the Horizon League Indoor Championships. Loyola’s softball team, which at one point was ranked second in the nation in stolen bases per game, picked up one of its biggest wins in recent history when it coasted past No. 24 Notre Dame, 8-0 on March 30. That victory was the Ramblers’ first over a ranked team since 2007 and also was the program’s largest margin of victory over a ranked club in school history. The softball squad also earned its first victory over Northwestern in Evanston since 1998 when it held on for a 3-2 decision on April 22.
   e) On the golf course, senior Lucy McGovern has placed in the top five in each of the team’s 10 meets this season and the Ramblers finished second as a team at the Loyola Invitational at Evanston Golf Club, April 11-12. McGovern and Nikki Miller earned top-ten individual finishes at the Horizon League Championships to help the Ramblers to a fourth-place showing as a team.
Meanwhile, the men’s golf team tied for first place at the Butler Spring Invitational in March as junior Dylan Gergen earned medalist honors by shooting a one-under-par 70.

3) FAR Update – Brian Stanko
   a) Brian opened by discussing previous policy proposals on “Student-Athlete Dismissal” and Out-of-Season Travel”. The final policy was submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Development for its review and subsequent action.
   b) Brian then mentioned that APR results will be released shortly with a number of our sport teams expected to receive award recognition.
   c) Next, Brian indicated that the 2010 NCAA “GOALS” Survey was being administered to Loyola Men’s and Women’s Track teams today. Results would be available fall, 2011.
   d) Last, Brian notified the Committee that the results from the spring 2009 NCAA Substance Use Study will be released fall 2010.

4) SAAC Meeting Update - Dana Van Diggelen
   a) Graduation Sashes/Ropes for Athletes – SAAC will be reviewing sash/rope options for distribution and student athlete recognition during spring 2010-11 commencement.
   b) Relay for Life
      i) SAAC participated in the Friday, April 16th event and the event provided for enhanced team unity as well as across sport unity.
   c) Dana will be meeting with the new SAAC President to ensure a smooth transition of leadership from 2009-10 to 2010-11.

5) Future Meeting Date.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee plans to hold its next meeting in October 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm