Committee Members Present:
Frank Dale
Kevin Huie
Jane Neufeld
John Planek
Brian Stanko, Chair
Phyllis Williams

1) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee unanimously approved the April 24, 2007 meeting minutes.
2) Sports Program Update.
   a) John Planek indicated that Loyola’s fall sport teams have gotten off to strong starts in the first two months of the season. Led by sophomore Michael Ferguson, the men’s soccer team knocked off No. 20 UC Irvine and San Diego to capture the title at the Adidas San Diego Classic in September, while the women’s squad recorded a school-record six consecutive wins to improve to 8-5 overall before a recent loss to Big Ten Conference foe Wisconsin. As of Oct. 11, neither team had lost a Horizon League contest and both squads were still basking in the glow of a successful doubleheader event at TOYOTA PARK, home of the Chicago Fire.
   b) Women’s volleyball sophomore Alyse Serritella narrowly missed the Loyola school record for digs in a single match, compiling 33 digs versus Butler to fall one shy of the school standard. Also, Web-Streaming of women's volleyball League games from Alumni Gym and Loyola has reached agreement with Lakeshore Public Television to produce 10 men's basketball home games.
   c) The men’s golf team closed out its fall season with three straight top-three team finishes and the squad set school records for team scores for 18, 36 and 54 holes at the IPFW Fall Classic, Oct. 8-9. At that same tournament, sophomore Thomas Greene shot a 63 to establish a Loyola single-round record.
   d) After a slow start, the Loyola women’s golf program is starting to heat up as the temperatures cool down. The Ramblers have posted consecutive top-three team finishes heading into their final met of the year at IPFW, Oct. 15-16.
Finally, the cross country program put together another successful Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational Sept. 29 as over 4,000 runners competed in the all-day extravaganza.

3) FAR Update.
   a) Brian Stanko opened by discussing the League Commissioner’s Report delivered by Jon LeCrone at the Horizon League Fall Meeting.
      i) **League Report 2006-07**: League is doing very well but indicated that the Horizon League can not compete with the Big-10, Big-East, etc.
         1) Big-10 resources are incredible.
            a) Schools like Ohio State, Southern California have better facilities, training equipment than the Indianapolis Colts.
            b) Ohio State has an athletic budget of $120 million.
            c) Horizon League must be more of a nitch-player.
      ii) **Challenge to the Horizon League**: Cultural differences among athletes and coaches.
         1) 60% of African-American H.S. students in Indianapolis do not finish.
         2) Must find a better way to manage the environment: Low income, high income families and a coach in the middle.
         3) Problems arise on playing field: UIC and UWGB player altercation.
         4) Soccer officiating: Kim Vieira gave presentation on state of officiating and player conduct on the field. Essentially, soccer referees must take greater control of the playing field.
      iii) **Horizon League Network**: Big-10 Network costs $100 million, Horizon League Network $500,000.
           1) But as a result of using HLN:
              a) Don’t need ESPN.
              b) Play any time of the day or night.
              c) 375 events will be broadcast this year – Goal: every game
      iv) **Financial Threats for the League**:
           1) NCAA is funded by CBS: 99% of NCAA’s revenue
           2) League would stand to lose over $2.5 million a year with an annual budget of $3 million if we lost the basketball units.
   b) Pregnancy Policy Update.
      i) John Planek discussed Loyola’s proposed Student-Athlete Pregnancy Policy. In addition, NCAA Guideline 3b (revised June 2007) was presented to the committee members as well as the Clemson Position Paper. Brian mentioned that the Horizon League FAR’s are sharing information regarding each School’s position on this matter.
   c) Scholar Athlete of the Year and Month Proposal.
      i) The U.S. Army will be sponsoring the Scholar-Athlete of the Month Award while the Horizon League FARs chose not to support the US Army associating its name with the annual Cecil Coleman Award.
   d) **NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship**.
      i) Brian discussed the present process of nominating student-athletes for the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. Committee members discussed a limit on
submission and concluded that not every applicant’s name should be moved forward to the NCAA for award consideration. Increased scrutiny at the front-end of this process will save considerable time and energy on the part of student-athlete submission packet participants.

4) Student-Athlete Advising Update.
   a) Phyllis indicated that the 2006-07 student-athlete average GPA was 3.23. Furthermore, the student-athlete cumulative GPA was an impressive 3.18. At the close of spring semester 2007, no student-athletes had under a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

5) SAAC Update.
   a) Nora Schober reported:
      i) The SAAC Can Drive has officially begun and the boxes are located in the front of alumni, near the entrances to the offices. The drive will go until the end of November;
      ii) The clothing drive begins the week of 11/12 and goes until 11/20;
      iii) A camera is being made available to all SAAC members to take pictures during sporting events;
      iv) The website has been approved and should be up by 11/9 or soon thereafter;
      v) Men’s and Women’s XC and Track will go to the Howard Area Community Center for community service;
      vi) SAAC has a dodge ball tournament set for 11/29.

6) Committee Member Composition.
   a) The Committee agreed that Father Salmi should visit with Provost Christine Wiseman and discuss the Committee’s member composition. John Planek indicated that he would follow up on this matter.

7) Future Meeting Date.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting in late November or early December.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm