Committee Members Present:
Javier Cervantes
Jane Neufeld
John Planek
Brian Stanko, Chair
Phyllis Williams
Nelda Hislop-Lawrence
Melissa Beseres
Dana Van Diggelen, SAAC

1) Previous Meeting Minutes Approval.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee unanimously approved the April 27, 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 at their most recent teleconference, support across other conference institutions was evident. That being said, the Committee agreed to review the proposal, make necessary changes and then submit the proposal to Robert Kelley, VP Student Affairs.
   b) Next, John followed with specific sport highlights. These included:
      i) Men’s soccer sets a Loyola record for attendance at a soccer match when 2,211 fans attend a September 12 match versus Saint Louis at Toyota Park, home of the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer. Men’s soccer also won the title at the UMKC Invitational in September. And men’s soccer earned a scoreless tie at then No. 6 Creighton in the season opener.
      ii) Women’s volleyball captured the championship by going 3-0 at the Country Inn and Suites Classic hosted by Austin Peay in September. Women’s also volleyball posted a five-match winning streak in September for its longest run since opening the 2008 season with eight straight victories.
      iii) Men’s golf captured second place at the Butler Fall Invitational as senior Thomas Greene set a Loyola record by posting a 54-hole score of 203 (67-64-72).
      iv) Women’s golf claimed first-place at the Green Bay Fall Classic for its first tournament win since last October. Also, women’s golf finished in second place or better in each of its five fall meets.
      v) Women’s cross country placed second at both the DePaul Opener and the Illinois Intercollegiate Championships.
      vi) Men’s cross country snagged second place at the Loyola-hosted Sean Earl Lakefront Invitational and the DePaul Opener.
      vii) Softball was named a National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Academic Team for its excellence in the classroom during the 2008-09 campaign.
   c) John closed with a discussion of a proposed Student-Athlete Dismissal Policy. According to the proposal, 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. The proposed policy will be sent to the Division of Student Affairs and for legal review before action is taken on the policy by the Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee.

3) FAR Update – Brian Stanko
   a) Brian opened by presenting a summary of FAR discussions involving missed class policies, exit interviews, etc. from the recent Horizon League fall meetings. He noted that a number of new FARs came on board so it was necessary to share individual institution information with these new members.
   b) Next, Brian notified the Committee that the results from the spring 2009 NCAA Substance Use Study were not yet released. Findings are expected to be released in the next month or so and will be discussed at the winter, 2010 Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee meeting. Loyola sport teams that were selected for this spring’s Substance Use Study included women’s soccer and men’s CC and track.
   c) Brian then indicated that John Planek’s recommendation on a new award possibly called the “Horizon League Distinguished Scholar” was being discussed by the Horizon League FARs. The award would be given to student-athletes that earned a GPA of 3.75 or above during the previous academic year. FAR discussion will now include the Horizon League to see if there would be appropriate funds available for the annual award.
   d) Brian followed by asking that the Committee review Loyola University’s “Student Athlete Code of Conduct”. After reviewing other conference websites, it appears that many institutions have found it necessary to expand their Code over recent years. The Committee will review this matter at its next meeting.
   e) Brian closed with a note on the conversation involving “Pay for Play”. He provided the group with a related NCAA Question and Answer Report.

4) SAAC Update - Dana Van Diggelen
   a) Dana gave the group an update on the first SAAC meeting.
      i) Student-athletes opened by introducing themselves with their name, year, major and sport.
         (1) Announced President Dana Van Diggelen.
         (2) Announce two VPs, Lauren Arceneaux and Malcolm DeBaun.
         (3) Missy and Elisa briefly introduced themselves.
      ii) Student-athletes then passed around a sheet for student-athletes to list their sport’s “big game.” This was collected and would be discussed further at the next meeting.
      iii) Next, a building update was provided by Dr. Planek
   b) Survey Update.
      i) Student Athlete Orientation.
         (1) Student-athletes were asked what they thought about the student athlete orientation. Results showed that it was far too long! Freshman heard everything once during school orientation, seniors felt like they heard the same thing four years in a row.
         (2) Student-athletes were then asked how Loyola could improve the orientation. Food, better interaction, campus hot spots were suggestions.
         (3) SAAC members introduced themselves and many student-athletes had no idea that SAAC existed as an organization.
      ii) Nutritionist Lecture.
         (1) Student-athletes were asked about the quality of the lecture and they responded with comments that included wasn’t sport specific enough, place more emphasis on illegal or banned substances, for example Midol, have more coach involvement so coaches could understand eating for recovery vs. just eating.
         (2) SAs were then asked if there were other areas that could be addressed. Illegal and banned substances came to the forefront.
         (3) Last, SAs agreed that the handouts were helpful.

5) Student-Athlete Advisory Update – Phyllis Williams.
a) Phyllis indicated that student athletes are doing well this semester academically. On a few occasions, it was necessary to bring to faculty attention the “missed-class policy” that Loyola University adopted a number of years ago.

b) Phyllis noted that more and more students have to miss class as a result of extended travel for sporting events.

6) Future Meeting Date.
   a) The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee plans to hold its next meeting in late January or early February. A final meeting will be held in late April.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm