Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Annual Report 2012-2013

Membership 2012 -2013

Faculty (voting members):
  Jay Gilliam, Chair, PAA
  Layne Morsch, LAS
  Ann Strahle, LAS
  Pinky Wassenberg, PAA
  Marcel Yoder, FAR, LAS

Student Government Association (voting member)
  Aaron Mulvey, Major - Communication,

Student Athlete Advisory Committee (one voting member)
  Alexandrea Kinzinger, Major - Legal Studies, Women’s Tennis
  Adam Unes, Double Major-Business Administration and MIS, Baseball

Chancellor designee (voting member)
  Tim Barnett, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Community Members (non-voting members)
  Sheila Stocks-Smith
  Guerry Suggs

Ex-Officio Members
  Kim Pate, Director of Athletics
  Hayley Ross, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance/Senior Woman Administrator

Goals and accomplishments of the IAC during academic year 2012/2013:

1. Improve the communication and transparency between the athletic department and all the constituencies represented on IAC.

   a. A regular schedule of monthly meetings were held this year where reports were given by the Athletic Director (AD), Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance/Senior Woman Administrator (AADC/SWA), Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and IAC Chair. Each reporting member provided regular updates on issues related to the various constituencies they represented.

   Common issues discussed in these reports were:

   • student athlete and team accomplishments
   • changes in personnel
   • hiring updates
   • student athlete and coaches’ disciplinary actions
• policy changes
  o student-athlete handbook
  o redesign of student-athlete drug and alcohol policy
  o volunteer coaches policy
• student athlete academic progress
• rules infractions
• fundraising and community service endeavors
• review of student-athlete graduation rates

b. Outside the structure of scheduled IAC meetings, there has been consistent and positive communication between the IAC Chair, AD, FAR, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (Tim Barnett). This communication has consisted of both scheduled and unscheduled meetings to discuss matter related to athletics.

   a. In accordance with NCAA reporting requirements, all NCAA DII institutions are required to conduct an Institutional Self Study Guide every five years to assess the athletic operation relative to both legislative and strategic practices. As recommended for best practice, the FAR working with the IAC (as a campus committee with representation outside of athletics) was designated to head up the review. Throughout the year, IAC has had input into how the review would be conducted as well as discussion about any material findings. Marcel Yoder has involved Jay Gilliam as IAC Chair as well as Hayley Ross, Assistant AD for Compliance and Kim Pate, AD. The study is projected to finish up in the month of May; a final report will be presented to IAC next fall.

3. Develop a better understanding of the athletic budget.
   a. A subcommittee that was established to explore all issues related to the athletic budget has remained intact. This subcommittee consisted of one IAC member (Layne Morsch). The subcommittee worked with the AD and the Athletic Business Administrative Associate (Allison Thornley) to review the current budget comparative to the previous fiscal year as well as to review the methods for monitoring and projecting the year end close. The exchange of information has continued to be well received by both the athletic administration and was approached with transparency. From the process, the IAC subcommittee was able to better understand the athletics budget to date, the funding sources, and the methods for tracking the budget.
IAC Priorities for AY 2013/2014: (not prioritized)

a. Gain a better understanding of the Division II philosophy and how it supports and compliments the University Mission
b. Understand the funding necessary to support a competitive athletic infrastructure in Division II
c. Assess best practices relative to the current staffing and reporting structure
d. Assist the athletic department to review and assess Title IX/OCR report and Gender Equity.
e. Review the final ISSG report including any actions plans to address any deficiencies.
Intercollegiate Athletic Committee, Budget Subcommittee report

April 23, 2013

Layne Morsch

Athletics has presented a thorough and stabilized budget. They began with a plan to deal with the expected loss in athletics revenue due to lower enrollment as 56% of the athletics budget comes from student fees and even with this lowered revenue athletics will end the year with a small budget surplus.

There were no increases in state appropriated funds for athletics this year, though there were two items that were shifted to the athletics budget (along with the funds to pay for them). There is a TRAC & SLB facility fee which was paid out of the chancellor’s division and the athletic insurance premium which had been paid by University Risk Management.

As noted last year, UIS continues to lag behind the GLVC median in athletic scholarships (UIS gave 36 in 2012 vs. a median of 61 for the conference). UIS did increase by 4 scholarships for 2013 though the comparison data for the conference is not yet available to see if that brought an increase compared to the conference median.