Minutes for IAC Council Meeting
March 3, 2010

Voting Members Present: Swint Friday, Kathy Deis, Raul Prezas, James Silliman, Frank Spaniol, Marilyn Spencer, George Tintera, Ann DeGaish, Jody Nelsen

Voting Members Absent: Bilaye Benibo, Anantha Babbili, Grant Bassford, Diandra Torres

Non Voting Members Present: Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Margaret Dechant

Non Voting Members Absent: Trent Hill, Jacqueline Hamilton


Invited Guests Absent: Samantha Hernandez, Mark Bohling

Dr. Swint Friday called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

The minutes of December 9, 2009 were approved with changes.

The following documents were distributed:
   a. Academic Affairs Committee Report on Alcohol and Drug Policies at TAMUCC
   b. Athletics IAC Update

The following are the chairs of the committees:
   a. Academic Affairs Committee: Dr. George Tintera
   b. Compliance Committee: Dr. Frank Spaniol
   c. Budget and Operations Committee: Dr. Raul Prezas

I. Old Business

a. Chair Friday is to check into Faculty term limits.
b. FAR’s term is 5 years and Chair Friday has 2 remaining.
c. Need to make sure that each college is represented on this council.

II. Overview of Current Athletic Department Operations

a. Title IX – was conducted with an outside consultant which allows TAMUCC to have a 3rd party outside portrayal of what the University is facing. Findings were based on a 3-prong test.
   1. Participation in Proportion to Enrollment – 60/40 student population; 53/47 athletes. It is also not even with scholarships and financial aid. Our established Action Plan is to cap male participation at current level and increase the female participation. We will also be adjusting the rooster composition. It will be a 2 year process to get substantial compliance. Tim will present a report to Dr. Hill and Dr. Killebrew next week. Any Council member may request a copy of the report.
   2. History and Continuing – this could be affected if we add another men’s sport. A woman’s sport would have to be established first, probably women’s soccer.
b. Southland Data – Athletic Progress Rates
   1. There is a possibility of 2 points per year: (1) retention; and (2) eligibility. .925 is desirable and meeting 50-60% graduation rate. Baseball is currently under .925, but previous year’s show high numbers and after this year, we will jump above .925. No team should drop below .925. However, in Men’s Baseball, the score that goes off this year is a 1000. We aren’t going to get that back. We know that one senior has a chance to play pro in Europe and probably won’t be returning next year. Currently there are 4 seniors, 3 should graduate, and one is questionable.
   2. There are three types of historical penalties and if we receive any we will be notified in April, but they won’t show up until next year:
      a. Public reprimand
      b. Public reprimand and loss of scholarship
      c. Public reprimand, loss of scholarship, Loss in number of games played and Loss of practice time.
   3. If we are above a .925 this year, we have a good chance of obtaining a waiver.
   4. Met with Coach Perry and he understands where we are currently. Will be sitting down next week with the 2 seniors to find out what their plans are.
   5. Future reports will show 4 years of historical data.

c. Lettering Criteria – Athletics will be giving out “I” letters to all athletes who lettered for the past 12 years. Criteria for lettering was handed out at the meeting. Letters will be sent out, and former athletes will be encouraged to purchase the jacket. Hoping that this will start a dues paying Athletic Alumni Club. The projected cost is $15-20k per year – looking at 2/3 of athletes will letter. Ultimate goal is that membership through the Alumni Club will help fund future awards. A Motion for Endorsement was made, 2nd and approved.

d. Scheduling – next season there will be new teams playing against TAMUCC. It was identified that there were two primary reasons for low ticket sales: (1) identity of opponents; and (2) marketing of play dates. Hopefully with new opponents and better marketing, next season will be better.

e. Grant for Southland Baseball – end of May. Currently, we are on the hook for a $25k guarantee with $6-8k in administrative fees. We have applied for grants which are geared toward events that could be hosted outside of Texas. We have received a $31,500 grant which should cover most, if not all, of the costs.

f. Other
   1. We have a 5 year shoe and apparel agreement for all of sports. Everything purchased will be at a flat wholesale rate. We are required to spend $130k and if we go above that amount, we will receive more free items.
   2. Major issue with UTSA football – they were going to be in the Southland Conference in 2013, but instead, they are looking at FBS independent.

III. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs
   (Jennifer Baker, Kathy Deis, George Tintera, Ann DeGaish, Margaret Dechant)

   • Met November 2009.
   • Committee has discussed the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy. Should be applied to all students, including athletes.
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- Will submit final report to Chair Friday.
- Alcohol Wise – all incoming students will have to complete. This will soon include transfer students as well.
- My Playbook – speaker will be Michael Gerrish. Co-sponsoring with IADAPT. All athletes will be required to attend unless they are in class or traveling. Looking to have Aaron Davies (NCAA Nebraska Football) as speaker in Fall.
- I Think. I Choose. I Graduate...recruiting statements from student athletes for poster program.

B. Compliance & Welfare
   (Scott Lazenby, Ron Scott, Bilaye Benibo, Frank Spaniol, Carol Blackmar, Trent Hill)
   - Did not meet.
   - Steve has stepped right in to his new position.
   - We have had secondary violations, but this is not a bad thing as it shows our coaches are looking out for these and reporting them before they turn into serious violations. It shows appropriate monitoring.

C. Budget and Operations
   (Ed Posaski, Mark Bohling, Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Raul Prezas, Marilyn Spencer, Jacqueline Hamilton)
   - Did not meet.

IV. Other Business

- None

The IAC Council Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Jessica Baber