Minutes for IAC Council Meeting
May 14, 2009

Voting Members Present: Bilaye Benibo, Ann DeGaish, Swint Friday, Jody Nelsen, Ron Scott, George Tintera

Voting Members Absent: Anantha Babbili, Ed Cantu, Kim Connelly, Kathy Deis, Raul Prezas, Marilyn Spencer, Frank Spaniol, Ashley Wadkins

Non Voting Members Present: Margaret Dechant, Kathy Funk-Baxter, Jacqueline Hamilton, Trent Hill,

Non Voting Members Absent: Jerry Susser

Invited Guests Present: Mark Bohling, Jennifer Baker, Arthur Haas, Scott Lazenby, Margaret Lucero, Ed Posaski, Scott Street

Invited Guests Absent: Carol Blackmar, Robert Nelsen, Eric Rohne

Dr. Swint Friday called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

February 18, 2009 Minutes were approved.

The following documents were distributed:
  a. May 14, 2009 Agenda
  b. Membership List of the Intercollegiate Athletics Council
  c. NCAA Division I 2007-2008 Academic Progress Rate Public Report
  d. Athletics Proposed Budget 2010
  e. TAMUCC 2009 Athletics Estimated Total Weighted SCH and Tuition Funds Generated by College
  f. IAC Compliance and Student-Athlete Welfare Committee Report
  g. TAMUCC NCAA Committee on Infractions Preliminary Report (May 28, 2009)

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. None

II. Overview of Current Athletic Department Operations

  a. All sports, with the exception of Men and Women’s Track are complete. Track team has made it to the NCAA Regionals.
  b. TAMUCC will host the State Conference Basketball, but we did not qualify.
  c. We have received the reports from the System Audit and the Southland Conference Audit regarding compliance and both has positive results.
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d. APR has been released with positive results. Baseball has received a conditional waiver due to our APR being so bad because of the previous coach. If we have an APR of 940 or over next year, all penalties will be waited. However, Basketball waiver was denied and we lost one scholarship for 1 year.
e. 60 Student Athletes will be attending summer school.
f. Softball Student Athletes Larissa Martin (All American/All Academic and candidate for Woman of the Year) and Ann Perez were honored students for GPA.
g. Athletics has a Faculty Appreciation Reception in April where the student athletes invited a professor. The turnout was good – approximately 100 people.
h. Breakfast at graduation – there are 15 student athletes graduating.
i. Athletics is hiring a Strength Coach (former retired in April).
j. We have applied for the NCAA Choices Grant - $30,000.

III. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs
   (Jennifer Baker, Kathy Deis, George Tintera, Ann DeGaish, Margaret Dechant)
   
   • Committee has not met since the last IAC Meeting in February 2009.
   
   • Contributed to the Student Athlete Handbook.
   
   • Waiting for grade reports.

B. Compliance & Welfare
   (Scott Lazenby, Ron Scott, Bilaye Benibo, Frank Spaniol, Carol Blackmar, Trent Hill)
   
   • Met last week.
   
   • Installed online training. Everyone has completed, but there still needs to be tweaking over the summer.
   
   • Currently conducting End of the Year Student Athlete meetings to evaluate the department. These are being given to Scott Street.
   
   • Exit Interviews are also being conducted for students. These will be presented to the IAC in the Fall.
   
   • Telephone monitoring system is in place.
   
   • APR – Baseball received a conditional waiver and if our APR is 940 or over next year, penalties will be waived. Basketball waiver was denied and we are now down 1 scholarship. Transfer exceptions are now in place, but it cannot be applied retroactively. Jennifer Baker and her group should be commended for helping raise our APR. Coaches APR will be available next year.
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- Licensing – nothing new to report. Have not received word from A&M System office. Once approved and licensed, we will give to other Southland Conference Schools, but Universities outside of Southland Conference will have to pay for it.

- Academic Life Skills Course – preparing and will provide to Scott Street.

C. Budget and Operations
   (Ed Posaski, Mark Bohling, Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Raul Prezas, Marilyn Spencer, Jacqueline Hamilton)

- Proposed 2010 summary shows revenue budgeted. We are still below comparative Southland Conference Schools without football. Believes that the distributed budget is what is needed for the next year for athletics.

- Transparency is the key in athletics. A complete budget upfront will help with accountability and will stop an ambush of fiscal requests. We are still not fully funded in Track and Softball.

- Increases
  - 6% increase in tuitions and fees for scholarships – Ron Scott would like a breakdown of full and partial scholarships.
  - Housing will increase, but not much
  - Insurance for injuries and illnesses
  - Salaries and benefits are increases across the University. Athletic salaries will increase to bring them up to par.
  - Post season funds – golf and track don’t have to qualify to pay. Will need to pay for travel for post-season. If other sports qualify, then athletics will have to do a fiscal request.
  - Training room, drug education and testing, lightening detection.
  - Baseball travel - there are 50 games in the season.
  - Need to fill a full time Ticket Director.

IV. Update on Ongoing NCAA Investigation Status Report

We have submitted our Appeal to the NCAA and it is posted on the Islander website. It has also been made public to the media. In our appeal, we argue that the penalties are excessive as compared to other penalties giving to other Universities, because it only involved 1 student athlete and most of the people involved are no longer at TAMUCC. We hope to have a response within 30 days. The Oversight Committee will continue to meet for the next 4 years. TAMUCC’s Athletic Director search will begin next month.

V. Other Business

- Islander Mentor Program (Jennifer Baker) – Mentor will commit to one time per week. They will be provided with leadership training. Currently, 20 have applied or showed interest. Mentee will agree that they want to participate. Will try to match up along majors rather than by sports, but
this will depend on the poor of Mentors and Mentees. Dr. Benibo suggested that this program be implemented sooner rather than later when the student athlete is already struggling. Should work with the department chairs and allow them to make requests for their student athletes that they know are having issues. Faculty mentoring might be something else to look into. Jennifer Baker stated that she didn’t know if departments already had this implemented, but that she would check.

- Trent Hill is working with Scott Street and the City to start promoting Islander Game Days by wearing school colors.
- Ron Scott is rolling off of the IAC. He will let Swint Friday know if he wants to be kept on.

The IAC Council Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Jessica Baber