Minutes for IAC Council Meeting  
December 9, 2009

Voting Members Present:  Swint Friday, Kathy Deis, Raul Prezas, James Silliman, Frank Spaniol, Marilyn Spencer, George Tintera, Ann DeGaish, Grant Bassford, Diandra Torres

Voting Members Absent:  Bilaye Benibo, Anantha Babbili, Jody Nelsen

Non Voting Members Present:  Jacqueline Hamilton, Trent Hill,

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


Invited Guests Absent:  Robert Nelsen, Carol Blackmar

Dr. Swint Friday called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

The following documents were distributed:
   a. None

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. Steven McClung is the newest member of compliance.
   b. The ABC contract has been extended for 3 years. It will expire 8/31/2012.
   c. Under this new contract, we can now play 4 games away from the ABC.
   d. There is a lock in retreat planned for tomorrow with senior and external staff. It will focus on better work in external areas; focusing on getting assistance for Arthur; to enhance revenue and find ways to meet goals; and work to improve the home schedule.
   e. Met with Chief Troy Riggs to discuss improving community relations with the City and the Police Athletic League. We have invited them to the 12/28 game. They will bring 1,000 kids with their families and will be recognized on the court. On 12/21, we will help serve meals to the police.
   f. Whataburger College Classic – we are working with the Hooks as a shared partnership. In 2011, it will be moved to February (as opposed to Spring Break) so more students can attend.
   g. This Sunday, the Southland Conference Athletic Directors’ Board Meeting will convene to discuss football membership of the league.
   h. We have provided the probation report to Dr. Killebrew who is reviewing it and will send it off. The report states that we are complying with the penalties assessed, that we are in compliance
and describes the changes that we have made. We should receive confirmation shortly and will provide that to the council.

i. We have had the semester meeting with the FAR. Our strengths are that we now have the personnel in place. The question becomes what happens if they leave. Also, the coaches are now actively involved in the student athletes’ academics. Our weakness is that we are possibly facing a budget crisis and that our Conference has one of the lowest academic achievement scores (Southland Conference Area) due to other schools in the Conference.

j. On Campus Housing Policy – this is standard across the country. TAMUCC does not have a formal procedure. Coaches support this type of policy and the Athletic Department is working to draft a policy. Marilyn Spencer made a motion on recommendation with exceptions included. It was seconded and passed. Tim Fitzpatrick will bring the policy before the council when it is drafted.

k. The Faculty Reception in the Spring was a success. Some additional ideas suggested for next time:
   - Add a voucher for the game.
   - Have a reception at an actual game.
   - Need promotion.

III. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs
   (Jennifer Baker, Kathy Deis, George Tintera, Ann DeGaish, Margaret Dechant)
   - Committee is discussing the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Police with Angela Walker and Claudia Ayala. We have identified 3 areas in which to focus education for all students, as well as student athletes.
   - Counseling – Athletics
     - Referrals are coming from the academic side and not coaches.
     - Seeking help but not caught – referred to counseling, but not judicial affairs.
     - Athletes to follow the Greek Model and put it in writing.
   - Nursing & Education – pre-drug testing.
   - Emphasis on Education: Alcohol Wise, Freshman Seminar, Online
   - IADAPT needs to be actively maintained
   - Received Choices Grant – Alcohol Awareness Program
   - My Playbook – online 5 modules which describes NCAA banned substances and consequences.
   - Financial Aid – could be kicked off of the team, but cannot remove Financial Aid until it has been finalized by Financial Aid (outside of the Athletic Department).
   - They System sets the policies and the University sets the rules (procedures) We have to follow the guidelines for procedures and all teams need to have the same procedures.
   - The Committee will forward its recommendations to Tim Fitzpatrick for approval prior to distribution to the coaches.
   - Accountability System – point system/consequences (study hall, etc.) The new policy does not take away points from the student athlete for missing study hall now. Rather it sends out notifications to the coaches for their help in getting the athletes to participate. This new policy will start Spring of 2010.
B. **Compliance & Welfare**  
(Scott Lazenby, Ron Scott, Bilaye Benibo, **Frank Spaniol**, Carol Blackmar, Trent Hill)

- Met and discussed the APR. We are doing very well overall.

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

- Nothing new to report.

IV. **Update on Title IX Audit**

This audit needs to be conducted to identify any potential issues. We have hired Dave O’Brien with Alden & Associates. Scott Lazenby will be the point person. The first teleconference was yesterday. On January 6 and 7, they will be on campus. The report should be completed by early to mid February. Tim Fitzpatrick will provide the council with a copy of the report.

V. **Other Business**

- None

The IAC Council Meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Jessica Baber