Minutes for IAC Council Meeting
April 11, 2011

Voting Members Present: Kathy Deis, Bunny Forgione, Swint Friday, Christopher Markwood, Paul Meyer, Jody Nelsen, Pat O’Boyle, Raul Prezas, Michael Rendon, Frank Spaniol, Marilyn Spencer, George Tintera, Robert Vokurka,

Voting Members Absent: Bilaye Benibo, Kimberly Garza, James Silliman, Angela Walker, Rachel Ward, Kristin Welch

Non-Voting Members Present: Jennifer Baker, Margaret Dechant, Tim Fitzpatrick, Arthur Haas, Jacqueline Hamilton, Trent Hill, Louis Katz, Scott Lazenby, Ed Posaski,

Non-Voting Members Absent: Claudia Ayala, Carol Blackmar, Mark Bohling, Rachel Cox, Kathy Funk-Baxter, Samantha Hernandez, Jerry Hilker, Melissa Jones, Claudia McDonald, Natalie Cobb, Liette Ocker, Nathan Robinson, Hannah Schwarz, Jerry Susser, Eloy Zertuche

Dr. Swint Friday called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

The May 12, 2010 Minutes were reviewed and approved.

The following documents were distributed:
  a. Minutes of May 12, 2010
  b. Academic Affairs Update
  c. Compliance and Student-Athlete Welfare Committee Report
  d. Budget & Operations Committee Report

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

I. Old Business

a. None

II. Financial Update – Tim Fitzpatrick

  • Off to a strong start. Men’s Basketball ticket and sponsorship sales surpassed last year’s target.
  • Will be making a report to President’s Cabinet next week regarding Athletics’ 5% budget reduction plan ($236,000).

III. Student Athlete Welfare Issues – Tim Fitzpatrick

  • Construction of the weight room is about complete. Through a sponsorship from Gold’s Gym, we received 31,000 pounds of weights and machines, which allowed the project to be $40,000 under budget.
  • We have signed Christus Spohn to a corporate sponsorship, which will provide:
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- A cash gift
- A physician in the training room 4-5 days a week
- Engage in a residency program
- Athletes will receive priority medical service

- We will be expanding the athletic awards program. The first year award will be the letterman’s jacket, and the second year award will be a watch. These items will be given out at the Athletic Banquet in May.
- Men’s and Women’s tennis won their regular seasons, however they were not permitted to participate in the tournament.
- Volleyball – 6 freshman were named top players. They were 1 game short of qualifying for the tournament.
- UTSA and Texas State will be leaving the Southland Conference. They will lose revenue sharing and committee votes.
- Eight schools right now have football. The question right now is if we have to add football as a core sport. The board will meet in January and then a decision will be made at the Spring meeting. We currently don’t know what is going to happen at this point.
- The build out of the track/field/soccer has been approved by the board.
- Matt Brady was hired in November as the Director of Athletic Media Relations.
- A&M v. TAMUCC Basketball Game had good attendance. We need to be able to bring better teams here. Right now we are rated the 16th most difficult schedule. We could reduce our budget by $100,000 if we have two strong home games and it would also reduce missed classes. Next year we will have a Texas Tech and a Rice game at home.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs
   (Jennifer Baker, Bunny Forgione, George Tintera, Margaret Dechant, Angela Walker)

- Bunny Forgione was elected as chair.
- There were 205 student athletes this year.
- Currently have 4 graduate students working as Learning Assistants.
- Bailey Wilson has created a Success Skills Workshop which will be a 5 week mandatory workshop. She is currently working on having the workshop made into a class in the College of Education (a variable credit course, dependent on student need). Currently she is gathering data on statistics of those who have taken the workshop and those who haven’t.
- There have been 2 titles changes:
  - Bailey Wilson – Senior Scholastic Coordinator and Learning Specialist
  - Kayleigh McCauley: Senior Scholastic Coordinator and Student-Athlete Affairs Coordinator.
- There were 74 student-athletes who made the AD honor roll for spring 2010 and 43 were honored at the Women’s Basketball game on November 12.
- 9 student athletes were inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma.
- Student Athlete Orientation will take place 2 days before classes.
B. Compliance & Welfare
(Marc Johnson, Frank Spaniol, James Silliman, Kathy Dies, Carol Blackmar, Scott Lazenby, Benibo Bilaye, Trent Hill and Michael Rendon)

- New Compliance Coordinator – Marc Johnson
- Will email everyone on the Committee the Graduation Success Rate
- The role of the compliance program is (1) education; (2) monitoring; and (3) investigations.
- ACS Incontrol System – all coaches are using for recruiting to monitor recruiting activities. It offers good communication and mass text abilities, and able to monitor apparel and equipment inventory.
- The committee discussed social media and what they put up on the websites.
- There were three secondary violations reported so far this year. All are secondary and inadvertent.

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

- Marilyn Spencer is the new chair for this committee.
- The tennis court construction has started. Completion date is set for late April.
- There is a series of town hall meetings being conducted to get input on the new mascot. Hope to unveil the new Izzy in the Spring.
- FY 10 Final Budget Expenditures totaled $6,703,776.
- For the Budget Reduction Plan: Athletics is finalizing its plan to reduce by $236,000 and team scholarships, salaries & benefits will not be considered in the reduction.
- Sponsorship sales are up for FY 11. The revenue goal is $140,000 and to date we are projecting a minimum of $180,000 in revenue.
- The goal for Men’s Basketball ticket sales is $142,500. To date more than $100,000 has been brought in. It is anticipated that this goal will be exceeded.
- Some utility and repair work must still be completed on the field house.
- Renovation on the Racquetball Courts has started which will become the new Athletic Weight Room. Full completion is expected to be mid to late January.
- Momentum Campus – early planning has started on the addition of the track/soccer facility, baseball field and softball field.

V. Other Business

- None

The IAC Council Meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jessica Baber