Committee on Athletics

April 18, 2012 – 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Bickerstaff Academic Center

Unapproved Minutes

**Present:** Mark Washburn, Frank Murgolo, Michael Whitlow, Rita Hayes, Sandra Shirley, Norma Kolb, Manuel Loureiro, Vic Cegles, Gayle Fenton, and Sharon Taylor

**Absent:** Ikaweba Bunting, Sarah Arroyo, Alan Safer, Karin Griffin, Simon Kim, Bernadette O’Leary, Brenda Vogel, David Rose, Sharon Guthrie, Ian Sneed, Glenn McDonald, and Leslie Santiago

Guest: Pamela Lewis, Chris Jolly

1. Approval of Agenda

* Meeting was called to order at 3:05
* The agenda was approved

1. Approval of Minutes from March 21st meeting

* Minutes were approved

1. Athletic Director’s Report, Vic Cegles, Athletic Director

* Vic discussed the challenges of being a “mid-major” with limited resources while still competing against big football schools in the Pac 12
* External relations team is focusing on creating a “give-back” mentality/culture among student athletes, especially those who go on to successful professional careers.
* Vic discussed the success of several events including Jewels of the Night and the Academic All-Star Luncheon
* Women’s beach volleyball team competed in the final four and came in second.

1. Report on Policies for Admission for Student Athletes, Brenda Vogel, Faculty Athletics Representative

* Brenda reviewed the process that coaches follow to request special admission to the university for prospective student athletes.

1. Report on Academic Advising and Academic Support Services, Dr. Chris Jolly, Student Athlete Academic Specialist

* The BAC offers programs in two general areas, advising and academic support. Advising includes ensuring that students enroll in the classes necessary to earn their degree and to follow the complex NCAA academic requirements. Secondly, the BAC offers several academic support services including tutoring, study skills workshops, study hall, a freshman transitions program, and mentoring programs.
* The BAC reports to Academic Affairs, not Athletics.
* Chris also provided some data on the number of students the BAC serves:
  + There are roughly 350 student athletes per year
  + This year, there were approximately 3000 advising contacts, 21,000 study hall visits, and 1,600 tutoring contacts, and over 400 mentor contacts.
* Chris briefly described GradesFirst, the on-line student athlete communication and monitoring system used by the BAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Vogel, Chair and Scribe