**Committee on Athletics**

**February 24, 2011 – 12:30pm - 2:00pm**

**BH 391**

**Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Ikaweba Bunting, Joanie Conley, Gayle Fenton, Sharon Guthrie, Rita Hayes, Karen Hakim-Butt, Simon Kim, Norma Kolb, Manuel Loureiro, Austin Metoyer, Frank Murgolo, Sandra Shirley, Sharon Taylor, Andy Vaca, Brenda Vogel, Michael Whitlow, Jun Yan

**Absent:** Sarah Arroyo, Isai Baldez, Vic Cegles, Brittany Fastuca, Justin Lawson, Bryce Weiglin, Alison Wrynn

**Guest:** Lisa Mabry, Cindy Masner

1. Approval of Agenda
* Meeting was called to order at 12:35
1. Approval of Minutes from November 5th meeting
* Minutes were approved with one minor correction.
1. Athletic Director’s Report: Cindy Masner, Senior Associate Athletics Director/SWA
* Cindy provided an overview of where we are in the NCAA Certification process
* Cindy provided an update of our sports currently in season: Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Men’s and Women’s Golf, Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Men’s Volleyball and Women’s Water Polo
* The scholar athlete event honored all our student athletes with a 3.0 or higher
1. Review of APR and Compliance: Lisa Mabry, Associate Athletics Director/Compliance
* Lisa provided the *NCAA Division I 2008-2009 Academic progress Rate Institutional Report.*
* She described how the APR is calculated and the difference between the single year rate and the multi-year rate.
* All 16 of our teams are above the minimum threshold of 925 that is set by the NCAA.
* Those dropping below 925 face a series of penalties.
1. Elimination of 27unit and 2.25 GPA Standard for Specially Admitted Student Athletes
* Brenda explained to the Committee the “27 unit 2.25” standard that has been applied to all incoming specially admitted student athletes. The athletic Department is asking COA approval to eliminate the practice because it 1) holds already deficient students to a higher standard than those who are not specially admitted and 2) may hurt our APR.
* There was some discussion about the pros and cons of elimination. Ultimately, however, the Committee voted to eliminate the practice (Andy Vaca M and Joanie Conley S).
1. Adoption of Policy regarding coaches contacting faculty
* Brenda presented to the group a new policy, *Guidelines for Contacts between Coaches and Faculty Relating to Student-Athlete Academic Performance*, drafted by representatives of the Athletic Department and the Bickerstaff Center.
* Overall, the group was very supportive of the policy.
* Several minor suggestions for improvement were made and Sandra agreed to incorporate them into the document and Brenda will distribute it to the group via-email for approval.