Fairfield University
Faculty Athletics Committee – Draft Minutes
Meeting of April 8, 2008

Present: Dawn Massey (Chair), Amanda Harper-Leatherman, John McDermott, Camelia Micu, Rajasree Rajamma, and Mary Ann Palazzi, Alison Sexton (substituting for Gene Doris) and Phil Palumbo

Agenda Items:
I. Approval of minutes from December 12, 2007 meeting – Motion to approve by Rajasree; 2nd by Amanda; passed unanimously

II. Old Business
A. Finalization of issues raised by AC re: 2002 report
   1. Current budgeting numbers as requested at November 2007 FAC meeting – After discussion about this item, Alison suggested that the committee might want to consult the EADA report which depicts spending, scholarships, operations, etc. for females v. males
      (Chair’s postscript – this report is not available on the University website; regardless, I believe the numbers we are seeking are budget v. actual numbers for spending on athletics v. recreation from 2001-02 to present…we will have to obtain them from the University finance department)
   2. Final report to AC – After discussion about this item, it was agreed that Dawn would put together an initial draft of the report and distribute it to the members of the committee for input

B. Faculty Resource Person Initiative – status? – After discussion, it was agreed that the committee should proceed by identifying a “pool” of faculty who are interested in serving as resource people for our student athletes but who are not necessarily “assigned” to any particular team/sport. Further, it was agreed that Mary Ann would send a draft letter to Dawn who would update the letter. Thereafter, Dawn would endeavor to get the letter sent to faculty electronically on 4/29 (Tues) and then would announce it at the 5/1 GF meeting. After interested faculty were identified, the committee suggested that athletics hold an orientation/meet & greet for the advisors and student-athletes.

C. Report from Gene Doris, Director of Athletics – Alison provided the committee with a copy of a 3/18/08 report entitled, “2008 Winter Sports Highlights” and, in discussing the report, noted updates where appropriate.

D. Report from Phil Palumbo, Director of Recreation – Phil provided the committee with written meeting notes to update the committee on the status of attendance at the RecPlex; intramurals; sports clubs. Phil also provided an update on the status of the pool. Importantly, most of the test holes indicated the pool is in better shape than Phil previously thought. However, there were 2 anomalies: (1) some rebar is not coated with cement and so it is rusting; and (2) the concrete in a couple of the holes was below “pressure” standards. The general feeling is that they will get 7-8 more years of the pool, but the University will need to re-marcite the pool, probably in Summer 2009.
III. New Business
   A. Triennial Survey of student athletes – to be conducted in 2009 – A discussion of the survey took place. Some suggestions were made concerning the form used in the past: (1) Change “Traditional in-season” to “Championship season”; (2) Change “Traditional off-season” to “Time between championship and non-championship seasons”; (3) Change “Non-traditional in-season” to “Non-championship season”; (4) consider working with committee investigating schedule changes to ascertain whether questions concerning scheduling should be incorporated.

IV. Adjournment – there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at about 1pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Massey