Faculty Athletics Committee
Meeting Minutes
BCC Room 204
November 19, 2012
11am-12pm

Attendees: Katya Bardos (Chair), Chris Huntley, Gene Doris, John Paladino, Amalia Rusu, Kris Sealey, Tim Talty, Mary Ann Palazzi, Joe Klauder, Richard Straub (SAAC rep), Hayley Moyer (SAAC rep).

Meeting called to order at 11:00am.

1. Announcements from Chair
   - Made a motion to move the softball issues after the announcements and remarks. By Chris Huntley, seconded by Kris Sealey.
   - No other announcements from Chair

2. Approval of Minutes
   - A correction/change in the number of students from 550 to 500 in number 4 (Remarks from Guests and Ex-Officio Members) was requested by John Paladino
   - Moved to approve as revised. By Amalia Rusu, seconded by Kris Sealey.
   - Minutes from previous meeting were unanimously approved with the proposed changes.

3. Remarks from Guests and Ex-Officio Members
   - From Eugene Doris – women volleyball won; men cross country won; men basketball games schedule is not the best in part to institutional contracts
   - From John Paladino – men ice hockey came from a NJ tournament but lost; intramural are on
   - From Mary Ann Palazzi – final alerts are out for faculty and registration is on at the Library

4. New Business
   - Bob Epstein contacted Katya Bardos and Chris Huntley regarding concerns with the practice schedule for Spring 2013; he asked to make sure we are in compliance with the rules (i.e., no more than 20 hours/week); he also asked of the rationale of why softball needs to have all classes before 12pm
   - Eugene Doris offered a possible answer that they need to work around practices that need fields in the afternoon and minimize missed class time for events and games
   - Joe Klauder mentioned that there is a monitoring process in place of the actual schedule to make sure students do not go beyond 20 hours/week; also coaches allow students to skip some part of the practice to attend a lab/class
   - Mary Ann Palazzi explained that the faculty advisor should help a student first with scheduling; if students need extra help scheduling classes then the advisor would have to contact Mary Ann for more info and extra/flexible time in registering for classes (on a case by case basis)
   - A general consensus of the committee was that an individualized schedule with more details about the games, travel, events, etc. for each team might help faculty advisors with scheduling classes for the students/athletes; Mary Ann Palazzi could help with this
   - Eugene Doris mentioned that basketball team used to play with a more clear/fixed schedule (i.e., Fridays and Sundays) but recently for various reasons (TV, holidays, etc.) games could be anywhere in the week
• Tim Talty considered that it is also important to know the athletics schedule way in advance when scheduling classes for each department (at least the department chair should be aware of it)
• Richard Straub mentioned that priority registration is a big deal and very important for students athletes and works better than in the past
• Hayley Moyer mentioned that freshmen are restricted by the core classes for their major and that affects their personal practice time but also with impact on the team
• Kris Sealey mentioned that while an individualized/itemized schedule would help, it would also be helpful to have only specific/trained faculty advisors in each department advise student athletes
• Chris Huntley mentioned that this could also be done with the help of department chairs; since we were discussing a plan for the future to come up with a resource network for athletics that could help with recruiting, this could also include registration and other related matters.
• Katya Bardos proposed that either the athletics committee to come up with a memo to Bob Epstein or Mary Ann Palazzi send him a memo and have the athletics committee follow up.
• Eugene Doris asked if we could inform the Academic Council that in the future if there are any issues related to athletics to refer them to the athletics committee
• Katya Bardos mentioned that this could be communicated in the end of year committee’s report at the general faculty meeting; for now, Katya will follow up with an email to Bob Epstein to update him on our discussion about the registration schedule/issues
• Katya Bardos proposed next meeting to be on Wednesday December 12, 2012 at 12pm, location to be determined; committee members agreed on the date
• A motion to defer the other agenda items to the next meeting was initiated by Chris Huntley; seconded by Kris Sealey.

5. Adjournment
• Motion to adjourn was initiated by Amalia Rusu and seconded by Chris Huntley at 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amalia Rusu.