Present: Dawn Massey; Camelia Micu; Rajasree Rajamma; David Sapp; Gary Weddle; Phil Palumbo, Director of Recreation; Gene Doris, Director of Athletics; Ahna Johnson ’09, SAAC Co-President; Lindsay Ryan, ’09 SAAC Co-President

Regrets: Phil Lane; Erin Mackey ’10, FUSA Director of Athletics

Agenda Items:

I. Approval of minutes from November 18, 2008 meeting – Motion to approve by Gary; 2nd by Phil Palumbo; the motion carried.

II. Old Business

A. Finalization of outstanding issues raised by AC re: 2002 report

1. Discussion of Operating/Capital Budget Numbers re: Recreation since 2000
   a. Phil Palumbo shared a double-sided handout with the committee that included the following tables: (1) Total Participation (number of swipes) for each class year for the 07-08 fiscal year (i.e., 7/1/07-6/30/08); (2) Unique Participation (unique students in recplex) for each class year for the 07-08 fiscal year; (3) Unique Participation – Percentage of Males/Females for each class year for the 07-08 fiscal year; (4) Total Intramural Offerings (by sport; note: not individual sports – as some sports, such as basketball, have more than one team); (5) Total and Unique Intramural Participation by students for the 06-07 and 07-08 fiscal years; (6) Total teams registered for intramurals during the 06-07 and 07-08 fiscal years (note: many sports have multiple teams – this is why Table 6’s #s are so much higher than Table 4’s #s); and (7) Unique Participation in Sports Clubs for the 06-07, 07-08 and 08-09 to date fiscal years.
   b. In response to a query by David Sapp, Phil Palumbo agreed to provide the FAC with the data in Table 2 as far back as possible.
   c. Gene Doris shared with the committee information contained within the University’s 2008 Equity in Athletics report.
   d. Gene Doris also shared with the committee information on capital expenditures (budgeted v. actual for the fiscal years ending 6/30/2005, 06, 07, 08, and 09 YTD. In general, budgeted numbers and actual spending have increased over the years.
II. Old Business (con’t)

A. Finalization of outstanding issues raised by AC re: 2002 report (con’t)

2. Discussion of formal policy for Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) to follow when students raise concerns at their exit interviews about the time-demands placed on them by athletics

   a. In response to Dawn’s prior suggested that Gene work with the FAR to put together a formal policy outlining the FAR’s steps in situations in which student-athletes raise concerns to the FAR about the time-demands placed upon them, Gene indicated that he was meeting with the FAR (Milo Peck) on December 11, 2008 and would have follow up for the FAC at the next meeting.

   b. In response to a request from the committee, Gene indicated that he would send along the URL for the Athletic Department Manual.

3. Discussion of formal written guidelines regarding the scheduling of athletic trips (especially regarding appropriate departure times)

   a. As discussed at the prior meeting, this information is contained in the Student-Athlete Handbook (pp. 74-76) and this item is now cleared from the committee’s old report.

B. Triennial Survey of student athletes

1. Gary reported that he had met with Curt Naser, who will assist with the FAC’s using EIDOS for the committee’s survey.

2. The committee came to a consensus that multi-athlete students need to respond to the survey once for each sport.

3. The committee discussed whether students’ background information might be obtained through Banner/EIDOS, rather than by lengthening the survey with additional questions.

4. The committee discussed including language in the survey so that students understand the purpose of the survey and the confidentiality of their responses.

5. Gary indicated that Curt suggested the use of “drop-down” boxes with ranges of information for student responses to various questions.

6. Gary will check with Curt to determine if IRB permission is required and, if necessary, obtain the IRB permission.
II. Old Business (con’t)

B. Triennial Survey of student athletes (con’t)

7. Some specific suggestions were made:
   a. Q23 – 3rd option should be “academic”
   b. Q7/Q14 – consider giving a choice for # of exams
   c. Q6/Q13 – consider distinguishing between 50 v. 75 v. 150 minute classes
   d. Q2-3 – consider including taping before & icing after practice (i.e., “door-to-door” time)
   e. Q20-21 – Clarify the question by writing: “If you have a job or a work-study position or an internship, the number of hours you work during championship season”
   f. Q24 – freshmen would not have a GPA
   g. Q25 – set forth specific questions to encourage student feedback – some suggestions from the SAAC reps:
      i. Comment on your practice time. Is the timeslot conducive or nonconductive to your studies? Please explain.
      ii. Do you feel that practice time is always used efficiently? If not, what could improve this?
      iii. How would you describe the difference between a mandatory and an optional practice?
      iv. What is the one thing that you would like to see changed that would assist you, as an athlete, in your studies?
      v. What is the one aspect of your team or the athletic department that is most helpful to you with regard to your studies?
      vi. How do your teachers react to your role as a student-athlete?
      vii. If you have a conflict with a teacher with regard to your role as a student-athlete (i.e., missing class or an exam due to a game), who can you speak to about this matter?
   h. Ask the SAAC reps to encourage their teammates to complete the survey
   i. Be sure to include at the beginning of the instructions an estimate like: “The survey has X questions and should take about Y minutes”
II. Old Business (con’t)
   C. Faculty Resource Person (FRP) Initiative
      1. Gene did not bring the listing of Faculty Resource Persons and teams to
         the meeting and indicated he would forward it later.
   D. Report from Gene Doris, Director of Athletics – Gene provided the committee
      with a brief report. There were only a few updated from the prior FAC
      meeting: Volleyball did not win its championship; 2 basketball players were
      lost (one to another university to play golf and the other to another university
      because of a lack of “fit”)
   E. Report from Phil Palumbo, Director of Recreation – Phil provided the
      committee with a brief report. The only new item from the prior FAC meeting
      was Phil’s observation that given the state of the economy, there were many
      more volunteers to work at the RecPlex, including for “odd” hours.

III. New Business
   (None.)

IV. Adjournment – there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Massey