

Minutes:

Faculty Senate Athletics Committee: October 1, 2012

Attending: Don Bruce, Chris Clark, David Cobb, Wanda Costen, Mike Jones, John Koontz, Karson March, Fritz Polite, Susan Ratliff, Donna Thomas, Steve Waller, Mike Ward

Unable to attend: Mark Baggett, Todd Dooley, John Haas, Kurt Lamour, Alex Long, Lane Morris, Rex Pringle, Mark Windham

1. Revisions to the committee charge were made taking into account Athletics Department reorganization, items accomplished or responsibility taken by another campus office. These included:
 - a. Consolidation of Team Enhance and Team Excel due to consolidation of Men's and Women's Athletics
 - b. Eliminating the effort to achieve an excused absence policy: this was passed by the faculty senate at the final meeting of the 2012 academic year
 - c. Eliminating the action item to work toward a university wide tutoring system: this effort has been assumed by the Student Success Center in coordination with other campus units with tutoring services
 - d. Eliminating the action item to work with the Academic Policy Committee to encourage faculty participation in the Early Alert system. This is considered unnecessary due to the adoption of the Grades First software package. Faculty participation has gone from 12-14% with early alert to a bit more than 50% with the implementation of Grades First.
2. Dates have been proposed for reports on:
 - a. October 29 meeting: Accomplishments of the student/athletes off the field of play: academic, community service etc.
 - b. November 26 meeting: actions taken by the Special Circumstances Admissions Committee
 - c. February 11 meeting: student/athlete well-being (the consolidation of Teams Enhance and Excel)
 - d. March 11 meeting: implementation of new regulations on scholarships to student athletes - what is the actual regulation and how does the impact the student/athlete
3. In the same vein Fritz Polite referenced recently passed legislation in California, Senate Bill 1525. He sent this link to found to the eNews channel about the Student-Athlete Bill of Rights (http://enewschannels.com/2012/09/27/enc15390_165824.php)
4. Fritz Polite and Wanda Costen agreed to review the proposals of COIA and the Drake Group to examine potential actions items in common between the two groups for consideration at UT.
5. We are delighted to have SGA representatives involved: Karson March and David Cobb.

Prepared by John Koontz

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