Senate Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics

March 18, 2014

Minutes

Present: Ryan Belz, John Boehmer, Renee Borromeo, Linda Caldwell, Julie Del Giorno, Charmelle Green, David Han (via phone), Benjamin Hickerson, David Joyner, Keefe Manning, Russell Mushinsky, Robert Pangborn (via phone), Daniel Perkins, Thomas Poole, Robert Ricketts, Michael Ridenour, David Saxe, Matt Stolberg, Tramble Turner (via phone)

Absent: Arianna Lantz, John Nichols

Guests: Preston Gall, Ray Williams

Call to order: 8:00 a.m.

1. Approval of minutes for the January 28, 2013 meeting

   a. The numbers for reserved spaces have been revised in the minutes.

2. News items

   a. Julie Del Giorno: DIII and UAC campuses have no specific guidelines for athletics compliance and integrity. A 1-year survey of these campuses will be conducted to identify compliance and integrity issues; when gaps are identified, more support will be provided.
   b. Change suggested to #4 on Jan. minutes for reserved spaces # used for spring and summer; 124 is less than 140 (under current limit). Total spaces for all categories, if spring/summer added are still under 330 total limit.

3. Update from the Committee on Campus Athletics

   a. Still considering changes to 8-day rule.
   b. Possibility of convening a DIII summit for student-athlete education
   c. Review of a course potentially over-used by student athletes (>1 enrollment semester for the course; KINES 088: General Health Requirement).
   d. University lawyers will review social media policy for athletics teams
   e. CCA reviews range of support for FAR (DIII receives no support).

4. Discuss issues regarding scheduling changes during seasons and how this impacts the 8 day rule

   a. Baseball exceeded limit (8.5) because of flight cancellation. From 4-year data this does not seem to be a major issue/trend, but this is anecdotal; a more specific review will be coordinated.

5. Update on reserved spaces
a. Students admitted meet admissions standards for Penn State, just need to be assigned to UP because of program availability (athletics, ROTC, band, etc.).
b. Changes for review: More spaces are now used in the spring or summer; transitioning to a policy that incorporates all three terms.
c. Six year graduation rates will be considered for students who enter under reserved spaces and compared to “suitable” comparison groups: student population as a whole, all student-athletes.
d. Correlation of expected GPA to actual GPA shows that students are performing as expected.
e. There will be a review of categories for reserved spaces (athletics, band, ROTC, etc.) to determine if changes to each category are needed based on use; should limits be adjusted?
f. Recommend policy changes to ARSSA (Senate committee).

6. Discuss the latest version of the Mitchell report

- The latest report has been released. Continues to review PSU compliance and supports that this is occurring. One exception: There were BOT members who during mandatory training were not in the room for a sufficient amount of time; this will be corrected.

7. Review final conclusions of our review of the Rawlings Panel on Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- This is also the self-study created from minutes and discussion. Eleven recommendations that may require minor modifications.
- Advisory Council for Continued Excellence (ACCE); #2. Appears that Freeh recommendations will continue into the future. Athletic Integrity Officer will be retained after 2017 when guidelines expire. Also discussed in particular #6, 7 and 8 regarding structure, composition and leadership of IAC.

8. Review the updated operations manual for the committee

- In particular reviewed scheduled work of the IAC.

9. We will send the self-report forward to Faculty Senate as an informational report.

Motion to adjourn: 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Hickerson and John Boehmer