Call to order: 8:00 AM

1. Welcome by Chair, Chet Ray
2. Introduction of Members. All members present introduced themselves.
3. Approval of minutes for the April, 2014 meeting: Minutes could not be located. After they are found, they will be reviewed and approved.
4. Introduction of Sandy Barbour, Athletic Director: Sandy addressed the following areas:
   a. She spoke briefly about her initial impressions of Penn State, and spoke very highly of the institution, the athletics department, and the Morgan Center.
   b. She reported that as good as it is, she believes PSU athletics can be even better.
   c. She reported the recent announcement from the NCAA that some of the sanctions will be lifted from Penn State Football, namely scholarships will be reinstated to a full complement of 85 for the 2015-16 year and that post-season play will be allowed, although PSU will not be allowed to receive money for post-season play. Still in effect are the probation, monitor, and striking of wins from the record. Dr. Barbour said the sanctions were lessened because of the very serious efforts of many individuals at Penn State.
   d. New head coaches for men’s and women’s track and field should be identified soon.
   e. Advertisements have been posted for a new Deputy Director of Athletics.
5. Charmelle Green shared information on the new iPad initiative. All D-1 PSU athletes have been issued an iPad to assist student-athletes with their scheduling and coursework. The response has been very positive from students and there is an effort underway to assess the usefulness of the devices.
6. Russell Mushinsky provided an update on academic standing of D-1 athletes.
   a. Staffing changes have occurred in the Morgan Center and there is an effort to consolidate space. There are presently 4 different advising locations on the UP campus, and the Morgan Center would like to explore the possibility of consolidation.
   b. PSU athletes continue to perform very well academically when benchmarked against other Big 10 universities. A full report has been given to the University Faculty Senate, but will not be presented at the Senate meeting.
c. There was a general feeling in the committee that the information in the report is very important and should be presented to the full body of the Senate. The IAC chair will continue to work to attempt to get future reports on the agenda as presentations.

d. Reserved spaces data: Russ Mushinsky and Rob Pangborn spoke about the plans to gather data on student-athletes who are admitted to University Park under the reserved spaces rule (they must meet PSU qualifications to be considered for a reserved space). These students and students who begin their Penn State educations in the spring or summer semesters have not been counted previously when looking at academic progress of athletes. This issue will be addressed in a report that will be presented to the IAC in the future. Other areas that will continue to be monitored and reported on include majors and specific courses that are most popular for student-athletes, graduation rates, GPAs, and general academic progress.

e. Certification of Eligibility is in the process of being moved from the office of the FAR to the Registrar. Although the FAR will still have input, the responsibility will fall onto the Registrar to certify eligibility. This process should be in place by January, 2015.

f. Russ informed the committee that the student scheduled to sit on the IAC is unable to attend meetings in the fall because of class scheduling conflicts. The committee felt strongly that an alternate should be appointed to attend in her absence.

7. Review and Approval of September athletic team schedules:
   a. All schedules were approved by the committee, through motion, second and voice vote. There was a question regarding the counting of men’s golf hours. Linda will check on this.
   b. It was suggested that it would be helpful for the committee to see travel information, so that we can better understand the actual times the athletes will be away from campus. Charmelle said she could see that this information is included in the schedules.

8. Report on Campus Athletics:
   a. Tram reported that all campuses except Altoona were able to get their schedules in for D-3 and PSUAC teams, and all submitted schedules were approved by the extra-senatorial committee. Altoona was granted an extension because of recent staff changes in the athletics department.
   b. A draft of proposed changes in the timing of the 8-day rule for the campuses was presented. The shorter travel distances and scheduling differences that exist at the campuses is the rationale behind the proposed changes. The committee members were asked to take the proposal, read it, and give comments to Tram or Chet before the next meeting (October 21, 2014), so we can vote on it at that time.
9. Comments from Linda Caldwell:
   a. Linda commented on the changes taking place in the NCAA and the desire from the FARs to increase the faculty voice within the governance structures for intercollegiate athletics.
   b. Faculty Partners: A breakfast is scheduled for Sept. 15 for all faculty partners and coaches in response to some comments received about the need for more guidance in the role of the faculty partner. A faculty partner is still needed for men’s tennis. Many faculty and administrators are taking on the role of faculty partner.
   c. Chet added that the Faculty Senate has asked for a report on the Faculty Partners program.
   d. Linda also reported that she has been asked to approve schedules for teams who have athletes who compete at an individual level (fencing, tennis), and this presents challenges for her in counting team hours. Linda will attempt to write general procedures for these circumstances and bring them to an IAC meeting for discussion. It was also suggested that Coach Zinn be invited to an IAC meeting to discuss the difficulty in counting hours for athletes who compete as individuals.
   e. The Big 10 has added positions for three student-athletes to attend full group meetings. They are undergoing discussion regarding formalizing the process for selecting the three student-athletes who will represent all student-athletes from all the Big 10 universities.
   f. Announcement: Starting next month, there will be new “fueling stations” for student-athletes at PSU. Stations will be set up in areas close to where athletes train, and will provide healthy snacks for all student athletes (not just scholarship athletes) throughout the day and night. This will be free of charge for all student-athletes at UP.

10. IAC Self Study report:
   a. The Faculty Senate did not accept our self-study report because it included recommendations. Self-study reports cannot have recommendations. Although many of the recommendations were very good, Chet will have to remove them and resubmit the report. In particular, recommendation #6 (allowing senators to serve on the IAC for an extended term) should be rewritten in a separate document and presented to CC&R for consideration. John Boehmer will take on the task of preparing such a document for the next IAC meeting.

11. New Business – none

12. Motion, second and voice vote to adjourn. Adjournment at 9:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Borromeo