

*Senate Athletics Committee Meeting
November 5th, 2010*

<i>Members:</i>	<i>Present</i>	
	X	David Brienza Toby Chapman Jean Ann Croft Haas Lou Fabian, Chair Donna Nativio
	X	Jamie Pardini Patrick Smolinski
	X	Dennis Swanson
	X	Steven Wendell
<i>Staff Association Member:</i>		Libby Hilf
<i>Pro-Tem Members:</i>	X	Timothy Averch Dan Bartholomae Tony Eichelberger Nat Hershey
	X	Jay Irrgang, Vice Chair
	X	Don Martin Kevin McLaughlin
	X	Ken Metz
	X	Leonard Plotnicov Donna Sanft
<i>Chancellor's Liaison Appointments:</i>		Susan Albrecht David DeJong Steve Pederson
<i>Senate Liaison Appointments:</i>		Michael Pinsky Lori Molinaro
<i>Student Members:</i>		Michelle Donato Emily Thach

Patricia Weiss attended the meeting as a University Senate representative. Jay Irrgang chaired the meeting in place of Lou Fabian, who was absent.

Jay Irrgang called the meeting to order and requested approval of the October 8th meeting minutes, which were unanimously approved. He that stated that this meeting would be

used exclusively to review select proposals that had been introduced into the 2010-11 Legislative Cycle. Jay stated that input would be sought from all committee members and their input would be reviewed with Steve Pederson and Susan Albrecht in making a final determination on each legislative proposal. Jay then introduced Dan Bartholomae to explain the legislative process and each proposal.

Dan discussed the manner in which proposals are introduced into the legislative process and the manner in which institutions, conferences and committees provide input to the NCAA's Board of Directors, who have the final recommendation on legislative proposals.

Dan first introduced NCAA proposal 2010-58 A, B & C and stated that the proposal was still being modified and would not be voted on today. The proposal's intent was to mandate an institutional assessment of incoming and continuing basketball student-athletes for the purposes of recommending or requiring summer school. The proposal also allowed for the scheduling of 8 weeks of summer practice activities for those students enrolled in at least six summer credits. Those students engaging in such activities would be required to pass a certain amount of credit hours in order to be eligible for the Fall term. Dan stated that once the proposal was finalized, he would share it with the group for their feedback.

Dan then introduced 2010-52 which allowed students not otherwise eligible for the one-time transfer exception to become eligible for such an exception if they were to enroll in a second institution for graduate school, be released by their previous school and be non-renewed by their previous school. The proposal was unanimously supported.

Next, Dan introduced proposals 2010 59 A, B & C which set new academic standards for football—mandating Spring eligibility and the passing of at least nine Fall credits with penalties of ineligibility for the first four games of the next Fall season. The different proposals allowed for different penalty relief opportunities if student were to pass a total of 27 credits in time for the next Fall. The committee noted that these requirements (specifically the 27 credit hour requirement) were greater than the standard academic eligibility requirements for all athletes. Additionally, imposing a 27 hour requirement on a student who struggled to pass 9 credit hours seemed to demoralize rather than encourage. The committee was unanimously in favor of amending the 27 credit hour requirement to 24 credit hours, and requested that the proposal be forwarded out for comment with that consideration.

Dan next introduced NCAA proposal 2009-64 which would further clarify the stipulations that would need to be met in order for a “non-traditional” (i.e. distance-learning, internet based, etc) course taken at another institution to be acceptable towards a prospective student-athlete's continuing eligibility requirements. After much deliberation it was noted that other students are permitted to use such courses towards their degree if their Dean approves them, yet student-athletes cannot use them towards eligibility.

Noting that this decision might be best left to the institution, they supported the proposal with 2 abstentions.

Dan then introduced proposal 2010-70, which would allow a student-athlete who had not received athletically related aid in a previous semester to accept a summer athletic aid package if they had already signed a scholarship offer for the next academic year. Such aid could only be at the same proportion as the future aid package. The committee unanimously supported the proposal.

To conclude, Dan introduced proposal 2010-110 which would eliminate the opportunity that a student-athlete has to sign a waiver of their requirement to submit to a sickle cell trait examination prior to participation in athletics. The committee noted that such a requirement jeopardizes patient/physician confidentiality and questioned why this test would be required and not others. After much deliberation, the committee noted that they would like to hear from the training staff on the type of test administered and the follow up done on positive tests.

Jay Irrgang adjourned the meeting.