

Senate Athletics Committee Meeting
January 9, 2013

Elected Members:

Present

	Toby Chapman
X	Lou Fabian (Co-Chair)
X	Nancy Glynn
X	Susanne Gollin
X	Kevin McLaughlin (Co-Chair)
X	Jamie Pardini
X	Leonard Plotnicov
X	Carma Sprowls-Repcheck
X	Steven Wendell

Student Representatives:

X	Michelle Donato
	Gordon Louderback
	Preston Thomas

***Staff Association
Member:***

X	Barbara Mowery
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Pro-Tem Members:

X	Timothy Averch
X	Dan Bartholomae
X	Dave Brienza
	Tony Eichelberger
	Jeanann Croft Haas
	Nathan Hershey
X	Jay Irrgang, Vice Chair
	Don Martin
X	Ken Metz
	Donna Nativio
X	Donna Sanft
X	Zac Saunders
	Patrick Smolinski

***Chancellor's Liaison
Appointments:***

X	Susan Albrecht
	David DeJong
	Steve Pederson

Senate Liaison
Appointments:

X Thomas Smitherman
 Lori Molinaro
 Michael Pinsky

Kevin McLaughlin called the meeting to order and requested the approval of the November 20th minutes, which were unanimously approved. McLaughlin welcomed the group, briefly reviewed the agenda, and then introduced Lisa Auld, Career/Life Skills Coordinator (Pitt Athletics). McLaughlin turned the meeting over to Auld to present on the Cathy and John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program.

Cathy and John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program (Update)

Lisa Auld began her comments by providing the group with an overview and some highlights of the Life Skills unit and staff. Auld discussed the unit's function and explained each staff member's role. Auld described the mission of the Cathy & John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program and stated that their goal is to develop and prepare student-athletes for success while in college and for life after college, utilizing academic, athletic and community resources. Auld then shared with the group the program's eight commitment areas: Academic Achievement, Athletic Achievement, Career Development and Graduate School Preparation, Community Service, Character and Leadership Development, Personal Development, Financial Education, and Health/Wellness.

Auld reviewed the programming aspect of the unit and shared with the group some sample sessions: nutrition and supplements, personal/campus safety, alcohol/sexual assault and sexual health education, social networking/media training, etc. Auld then discussed with the group the importance of career development and her involvement in that focus area. Auld noted that their unit assists student-athletes with the following core services in this specific area: resume building, mock interviews, job/internship search strategies, and graduate school test and application preparation. Auld described some other events (i.e., career networking event and legacy night) and programming sessions that assist student-athletes in their career development. Auld also shared with the group the personal development series which includes a three part etiquette training series and a session on 'creating your brand'. Auld provided the group with several handouts as it relates to the Cathy & John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program. Dave DeJong noted that the program is fantastic and provided Auld with a few follow up questions. The group thanked Auld for her update.

McLaughlin then introduced Dan Bartholomae, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance & Sport Services.

NCAA Governance Update

Dan Bartholomae provided the group with a handout and began his comments by providing an overview of the NCAA governance structure. Bartholomae then reviewed Dr. Mark Emmert's appointment as President and his vision for transforming intercollegiate athletics. Bartholomae discussed the "Presidential Retreat" that Emmert pulled together in August 2011 and shared with the group some of the focus points/outcomes of the retreat. Bartholomae then provided the group with an overview of the five Presidential Working Groups and explained their charge.

Bartholomae then reviewed the legislative outcomes of the October 2011 NCAA Board of Directors meeting and discussed several rules proposals. Bartholomae noted the new APR penalty model and the moratorium on NCAA athletics certification, and the development of new processes for certification.

Bartholomae discussed some items as it related to the October 2012 NCAA Board of Directors meeting and the Enforcement Working Group. Bartholomae noted that the working group had spent a considerable amount of time working through 2011-12 with the goals of establishing a more efficient and streamlined enforcement process with improved classifications for violations, an expedited process, and a transparent penalty schedule with added head coach accountability. Bartholomae explained some of the major changes that came out of this working group, which included but are not limited to: 2 tiered to 4 tiered violation schedules, expanded Committee on Infractions with multiple subcommittees, clearer penalty schedules per bylaw and more head coach responsibility/accountability.

Bartholomae reviewed with the group some of the outcomes from the January 2013 NCAA Board of Directors meeting as it related to the Rules Working Group. Bartholomae noted that this working group spent a considerable amount of time in 2011-12 in deregulating the NCAA manual. Bartholomae pointed out that the group is shifting away from legislating equal competition and will be placing more policy burden on individual athletic departments. Bartholomae concluded his presentation with an overview of the future objectives of the five working groups.

McLaughlin thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.