

Intercollegiate Athletics Council Meeting
November 7, 2006

Present: Bregman, (Ch)	Crowl	McWee
Abrams	Dearing	Murphy
Austin	LaRoche	Riden
Calhoun	Long	Worster
Chonko	Meadows	

Minutes – It was moved (Abrams) and seconded that the Minutes of the last meeting be approved as distributed.

Dr. Bregman introduced Natasha Long, who has filled the position of Athletic Academic Support Coordinator.

The floor was opened for discussion, suggestions, changes, etc. concerning the Department of Athletics Policy and Procedures Handbook.

The following questions and discussions ensued:

Hazing. (page 35) Do we really enforce this policy or is this “lip service?” It was stated that we are indeed addressing and enforcing policy when such incidents are made known.

Student-athletes speaking to the media. (page 20) All reporters and all persons wishing interviews should go through Media Relations.

Team travel and per diem. Dr. McWee stated that in this area, the reclassification report requires us to have much more specificity. We need to adhere to across-the-board consistency in the meal per diem allowances. Dr. Bregman stated that we would not hammer out the details at this meeting. He asked Troy Austin to garner advice and information from the coaching staff and SAAC in order to get a view of how they suggest we deal with meal allowances. This subject will be discussed and revised at the December meeting.

Motion: Bill Abrams moved and Lonnie Calhoun seconded the motion that the Athletics Department Policy and Procedures Handbook be approved as presented with the stipulations that two sections of the Handbook – per diem allowances and transportation – will be revisited for possible revisions. The motion passed.

Academic Performance Program. Michelle Meadows distributed handouts and expounded on this program. She gave a detailed explanation of the composition of the program, the academic performance rate components and the penalties for non compliance. She was commended by the Chairman, Dr. Bregman for the excellent presentation.

Certification Report. Dr. McWee stated that there are some issues to be addressed related to certification. He stated that the University must have a complete review of the Study Hall program done by a committee outside of athletics and have the results presented to the IAC prior to December 15, 2006. Michelle was asked to gather information as to what we’ve done so far relative to study hall and Natasha was asked to develop a plan as to what we will do to improve the study hall situation.

Also, we need to do a complete review of our post-eligibility program. If we do not have one, we need to create one and have IAC review and approve it. We must commit to a plan and if we do not come up with it, we will have to explain why.

The Lancer Club was an area that was not approved. There needs to be a plan as to how it will be re-vamped.

Special admission – We must provide a written plan showing how Longwood will monitor the special admission's program. Someone outside of Athletics should have the responsibility of monitoring this program and maintaining accurate records.

The Review Team recommended that Natasha Long's position be removed from under the realm of the Athletic Department.

Reclassification process - We received a response to the latest version of the Strategic Plan that was submitted to the NCAA and Troy distributed copies of this communication. The letter stated areas in which we still need to complete however the gist of the letter is that the NCAA Division I Management Council Membership Subcommittee agreed to advance Longwood into year four of the reclassification process.

Conference affiliation. We've received information that our bid for membership into the Big South Conference has been tabled indefinitely. Troy has begun to contact Commissioners of other athletic conferences for possible admission.

Move to Tabb. The date of the move of the Athletic Department to Tabb Building has shifted. BCOM has not approved certain coding for the building to be occupied as office space. When certain building codes are met, the move will take place.

The next IAC meeting was set for Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 3:30 pm. The location of the meeting will be emailed to you as soon as a space is reserved.

Clara G. Johnson, Secretary
Intercollegiate Athletics Council