

Minutes
Intercollegiate Athletics Council Meeting
December 5, 2006

Present:	N. Bregman, (Ch)	J. Crowl	M. Meadows	C. Rider
	T. Austin	B. Dearing	W. McWee	G. Ring
	W. Abrams	C. LaRoche	K. Murphy	B. Waller
	R. Chonko	N. Long	G. Prouty	

Dr. Bregman stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review, approve and/or revise policies relative to areas in which we must respond to the Peer Review Committee evaluation and comments.

Analysis of study hall and how to improve Study Hall. Natasha Long, Athletic Academic Support Coordinator, discussed the review of study hall by a committee composed of herself, Dr. Bregman, Dr. Roy, Dr. Barbour, Rebecca Sturgill and the data she distributed to committee members on GPA and hours of study hall last week. She also distributed hand outs with suggestions for study hall changes:

- extend hours for study hall throughout the day
- increase penalties for persons who miss study hall
- base criteria of study hall on a tiered system according to cumulative GPA
- restrict the voucher system by only allowing the use of vouchers that are earned through the Learning Center.

After a lively discussion about the data and the apparent lack of effectiveness at this moment in time, the IAC focused in on ways to create an atmosphere more conducive to study within study hall, teaching student-athletes time management skills, and who should be required to attend study hall. In discussing the current policy, it was decided that the GPA of a student-athlete shall be the determining factor if study hall will be required as well as the number of hours per week of required study hall attendance. It was suggested and approved to remove the language requiring the whole team to suffer penalties for an individual's failure to attend study hall.

Motion: William Abrams moved that the study hall policy, with the above recommended adjustments, be approved as policy and implemented for Spring semester. It shall be further evaluated and revised by the IAC in the late Spring or early Fall of 2007. Natasha Long seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Measurable Goals. Under this section of the response to the Peer Review Committee, it was decided to change the "evaluation follow-up in Spring to 2008" to read "2007." James Crowl moved and William Abrams seconded that this wording be changed. The motion passed.

Team Travel Per Diem. The floor was opened for discussion on this subject. It was the consensus of the IAC that the student-athletes on all teams shall receive the same amount per diem for meals when on travel status. Regardless of the source of funding – state or Foundation – each shall receive the same amount and regulated in the same manner.

The following changes to the current disbursement of meal money were suggested by IAC:

- Meal money may be disbursed directly and individually to the student athlete or the coach can plan a "team meal"

- In keeping with Commonwealth of Virginia meal allowances, the athletics department shall provide \$37 per day for meals with the following breakdown - \$7 for breakfast, \$12 for lunch and \$18 for dinner.
- If the team is leaving after 11:00 am, they will receive 75% of the per diem
- Coaches will consider the dietary and meal preferences when planning meals and/or places to eat

William Abrams moved and Carl Riden seconded the motion that the athletics team travel per diem policy be accepted contingent upon adding the above changes. The motion passed. (*Up-dated Team Travel Per Diem Policy attached*)

Team Travel . The team travel policy as presented was discussed by IAC. It was suggested that in cases where only 2 (or a very few) individuals qualify for competition, some wording be included that will allow travel via regular state vehicles. Also, when air flight is involved, the policy shall require the transportation at the away site to be the same mode of transportation as that used to travel to the airport. Motion: James Crowl moved that the athletics team travel policy be accepted with the recommended changes. Bennie Waller seconded the motion and the motion passed. (*Up-dated Team Travel Policy attached*).

Post-eligibility Policy & Procedures. A discussion ensued regarding this topic. The IAC suggested the following changes –

To be eligible for post eligibility aid, the student-athlete:

- must (replace the word must with “may”) repay tuition if courses are dropped;
- May be required to repay tuition for courses that are failed.

The conditions and stipulations shall be listed in the policy under which these instances may occur.

Motion: William Abrams moved and Michelle Meadows seconded the motion that the policy be accepted contingent upon these changes being made. The motion passed.

Wayne McWee handed out a draft copy of our response to the Recertification Peer Review Committee’s request for clarification. He asked IAC members to read over our response and send any editorial comments to him. He asked members to compare the responses to the original report and send him feed back.

Minutes. William Abrams moved that the Minutes of the last IAC meeting be approved as distributed. James Crowl seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Conference Affiliation. Troy Austin gave an up-date on conference affiliation. He has contacted the Commissioner of the Atlantic Sun Conference and was told that that conference is not interested in accepting a 12th member at this time. Troy will have an informational meeting with the Commissioner of MEAC on December 13th. He will continue to test the waters to see what is out there that will be a good fit for Longwood. If no conference is available to us for membership, we will then look into affiliate/associate membership per sport. He will keep the IAC informed.

There being no further business before the body, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Clara G. Johnson, Secretary
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