Meeting Minutes of the Athletic Committee of the Faculty Senate

When: Wednesday, May 1, 2015, 12:00 PM

Where: UC Trimabelle 231

In Attendance:
Committee Members Present: Grace L. Coggio, Crystal Lanning, Tanner Milliron, Gillian McDonald, Joe O’Kroy, Jennifer Willis-Rivera, Roger Ternes, Brian Schultz, Donna Robole, Earl Blodgett; Committee Members Not Present: Sylvia Kehoe, Joel Peterson; Student Athletes Present: Paige Johnson (hockey), Allie Olson (hockey), Amy Auran (hockey), Carly Moran (hockey), Maddie Flack (golf), Taylor Norby (tennis), Molly Deering (tennis), Alex Zevli (golf), Kelsy Johnson (tennis), Anna Ebensperger (tennis), Kelsey Hochberger (tennis); Supporting Student: Kylee Stahlbusch; CBO Elizabeth Frueh

Called to order at 12:01pm by Grace Coggio

I. Approve minutes from April 6, 2015, meeting
   a. Roger move to approve; Jen second
   b. All in favor, one abstain

II. Announcements

III. Business

   - Review and discuss public input during the Town Hall meeting on April 22 – Roger, Crystal, Grace
     o Review of the Town Hall Meeting
       ▪ We had over 120 people, professional & prepared presentations, some great arguments for not suspending the two teams. Thank the teams for taking part
       ▪ Roger & Crystal agree with Grace’s assessment

   - Review and discuss as needed the 8 considerations for suspending or terminating a varsity sport – Roger, Crystal, Grace

   - Title XI impact
     - Questions
       o What are the committee’s concerns about the impact on Title IX
         ▪ Brian – very concerned – it was clear to me that at least in 1 of the 3 areas we are not in compliance.
         ▪ Jen – Concerned that we are not meeting (or
will not be meeting) any of the three
  - Grace – Concern on proportionality.
  - Brian – Clarification on who the underrepresented group is.
  
  o Are there facilities adequate to support a competitive program
    - No Questions
  
  o What is the competitive and participation history of the sport
    - No Questions
  
  o Is quality and consistent coaching available?
    - Jen – Are both coaches still going to be here next year?
      - Roger – at this point we don’t know that they are NOT going to be here.
    
  o What are the financial implications including reallocating resources within and outside of athletics?
    - Brian – Are there viable alternatives to meeting the budget cuts?
      - Roger – We met during this past week with Student Senate and the AFAB committee who will be bringing forth a recommendation for additional support for athletics to support these two programs. That recommendation will go to the chancellor and then a decision will be made there.
      - Brian – I understand that the students met with the chancellor, si there anything in that meeting that indicated other funding opportunities?
        - Tanner – we did receive some information, but nothing that is a solidified number saying that the money, if approved,
      - Grace – is there a possibility that fundraising could make up a difference. To what degree are we able to use our facilities to use as a fundraising tool?
        - Roger – considering the size of the roster, it would be difficult. Our coaches are very part time and not on campus. The coaches of other teams have opportunities because they are here. The coaches of these two teams have full time jobs and come to campus to coach
these two teams. As far as organizing and running events, it would be difficult considering what their job is on our campus. We do that for volleyball, basketball and football, but we can’t do it for hockey. Also we don’t have the coaches under contract for the summer, and we need that for a tournament or camp.

- What are the contribution for broad based program?
  - Point of information – club tennis will only serve 4 students
- Effect on community involvement and service?
  - Brian – there are currently 7 women’s tennis schools and 7 women’s golf schools. That means those sports have an automatic NCAA qualifier. If there are only 6 teams, none of those schools would have an automatic qualification
- What are enrollment implications, including impact on the university’s strategic enrollment goals?
  - Student – 5 out of the 6 new recruits say if golf is suspended they would not be coming here.

Opening it up to additional comments:

- Have we looked at enrollment for next season for sport teams? Would that make an impact on our budget?
  - The overall enrollment for campus is probably going to be very similar to the enrollment this year. We get 100$ per student

- Molly - Could students work for free at the events to bring in the money?
  - Yes, that happens now with our other teams.

- Mandy – Is there someone who can help us to fundraise? Is there someone on campus to help us?
  - Yes, but we need leaders on campus, but coaches aren’t here.

- Paige Johnson – We should be able to do it without a coach.

- Kelsie Dodgeburger – Does it have to be our coach or can it be someone that we have known.
It can be anyone, but there has to be some consistency
Brian – in some places it’s run by a booster club. It would take a time to get it started.

- Alex Azuli – I know the golf team did have a coach that was a professor here? Did they do anything to get money from things? If we brought him back would there by opportunities to do other things?

- Jennifer – Can you explain to me in a very specific way – that I can turn around and explain easily to someone not in this room – how we are not and would not be in Title IX violation if we were to cut these teams.
  - Roger – we had a conference call with a title IX consultant, and we may or may not be at risk for a Title IX violation because we may be meeting prong 3. By suspending the sport, we put the university more at risk than we would if we maintain the sport. We do not know where we are in prong 3. We have no survey.

- Jillian – (I forgot)
Jen – call the question, Roger, second.
  All in favor

Jen – I propose that we move to vote on this. Brian – second

Does suspension mean it can ever come back.

Tanner – clarification that this is advisory.

Roll Call Vote

Earl Blodgett – Yes
Joe – Yes
Brian – No
Jennifer – No
Roger – Yes
Crystal – Yes
Tanner – Abstain
Jillian – No

Grace only votes in place of a tie

The motion is adopted.

Meeting with the Chancellor this afternoon personally. There will be a written result of the meeting sent to the Chancellor.

Jen – Move to adjourn (12:52)
Roger - Second