Meeting Minutes of the Athletic Committee of the Faculty Senate

When: Monday, November 16, 2015, 8:00 AM

Committee members in attendance: Tanner Milliron; AJ Walsh-Brenizer; Grace Curran; Rebecca Gasper; Donna Robole; Matt Ebner; Roger Ternes; Faye Perkins; Earl Blodgett; Jennifer Willis-Rivera; Brian Schultz; Cindy Holbrook; Grace Coggio

Committee member not in attendance: Joel Peterson; Sylvia Kehoe

Where: Hagestad 137

Meeting called to order at 8:03

I. Minutes from the previous meeting approved
   Moved by Faye Perkins
   Second by Tanner Milliron
   11 approved, 1 abstention

II. Announcements
   - Announcements by Roger about athletic performances of the various teams.
   - Tanner noted that he and another person had gone to the SAAC conference in Black River Falls

III. Business

   - Reviewed October 23 Chancellor’s meeting on Title IX
   - Grace, Cindy, and Roger reported that the Chancellor seems very supportive of moving forward with the audit next semester

   - Cindy spoke with two Title IX experts about doing an audit and shared some of their initial recommendations

   - The committee discussed the pros and cons of doing a survey as part of the audit and determined it wouldn't be necessary for the “Accommodation of Interests” prong if we could demonstrate a “history and continuing practice of program expansion”

   - The committee discussed the potential for adding another women’s sport and determined that women’s lacrosse would
be well received at UWRF and would offer more athletic opportunity for women

Jennifer moved that the Athletic Committee recommend to the Chancellor to add women’s lacrosse to the athletic program.

Brian seconded
- After discussion, all in attendance approved except for Roger abstaining

  - Discussion of the survey was tabled until we have more details about the audit

  - Faye offered to move forward with planning the January 2016 workshop on Title IX

  - Preliminary discussion of what a spring audit might involve, Cindy and Roger will continue exploring consultant possibilities

Jennifer moved that the Athletic Committee recommend to the Chancellor to move forward on an external audit/education for Title IX prior to the completion of spring semester of 2016.

Tanner seconded
- After discussion, all approved

Brian moved to adjourn; Faye seconded
Meeting adjourned at 8:56am