Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
McFadden Team Room
May 3, 2018, 12:00pm

**Voting Members Present**: Mike Godfrey, chair; June Pilcher; Lambert McCarty; William Baldwin; Hook Bruner; Matthew Macauley; Abel Bartley; Sheri Webster

**Non-Voting Members Present**: Steve Duzan; Elliott Charles; Eric George; Janie Hodge; Brad Woody; Dan Radakovich; Stephanie Ellison and Kyle Cutler

Godfrey convened the meeting post lunch at 12:34 pm

**Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

The committee approved April meeting minutes.

**Faculty Athletic Representative Report**

Hodge reported that she will be in Florida for ACC meetings over the next few weeks.

**Compliance Report**

Charles reported that he has been in the position for a year and discussed shift in job duties in Compliance. Goal is to address concerns nationally as well as enhance operations. Five compliance officers on staff with a brand new one that will focus on rules education. The other two will focus on admissions and initial eligibility operations with one handling football and the other sports will be handled by a different compliance staff member. Really trying to promote rules education efforts across the campus. As of April, 15 total secondary violations with recruiting accounting for a large portion. This is healthy and shows that we have a great, active monitoring program.

* Visits – official (paid) AND unofficial (unpaid) can begin September 1 for high school juniors. In the past, unofficial visits were allowed for high school freshmen and sophomores.
* NAAC (National Association for Athletic Compliance) – Using the standards set by the members to demonstrate institutional control could be used to mitigate possible penalties and violations.
* PTD (Progress Towards Degree) – in the past, degree hours attempted towards degree counted, this year minors and certificates were also used for PTD. Additional restrictions for the by-laws were added.
* Upcoming legislation that will be presented in June - transfer by-laws and medical coverage. Empowering students to make decisions about leaving an institution. This could deem transfers immediately eligible without having to sit out a year in residence, but many of the concepts have not been ironed out such as academic thresholds, etc. Another big change is all universities are required to provide 2 years of medical coverage for student athletes after separation or graduation from the university. This is for injures that could be traced back to their time as a student athlete. Athletic department looking at the best way to handle.
* Commission on College Basketball Report by Condalisa Rice that focused on 3 broad areas - recruitment, benefits student athletes get while in school, and transition to pro and event operators, AAU, etc.
* Student Athlete Experience Committee – phase one resulted in proposal dealing with early recruiting. Phase 2 will deal with concepts related to communication and offers of aid. Phase 3 will deal with other communication- camps, contacts, evaluation, etc.
* Governance and Consideration of Legislative Proposals - going into next year continue how legislation is actually created. Conferences are looking at streamlining communication for proposals and adjusting what can be presented so the floodgates aren’t open.

**Nieri Student Athlete Academic Area Report**

Duzan reported his group had a busy week with exams. Pulling together end of year report and missed class report. Finishing up candidate interviews and reviews to replace Yianna Kappas who accepted position in Alumni Relations and Ginty Porter who is retiring after 28 years. APR will become public in 2 weeks and public recognition will also come out and we will have teams in that group. Thanks to all the departments for all the feedback throughout the semester as it is time consuming, but extremely helpful to provide appropriate support. Upwards of 100 graduating – including managers, spirit squad, etc. Demontez Stitt will be receiving a posthumous degree that will be presented to his family.

**Athletic Department Report** – Eric George presented information from the income statements for the Athletic Department and IPTAY. ACC distribution is up $660,000 from the budget as we participated in ACC championship game, CFP game, and Miami participated in a CFP bowl game. Licensing up about 1.5 mil from the National Championship. Withdrawal from CUF was less because several projects finished under budget and paid off a little debt service. $1 mil split dollar policy for coach Swinney and at his death there should be a nice amount of cash going back to athletics. This is an investment and actually enables the athletic department to use some of the fund balance. Next year there will be a decrease in ACC distribution as Orange Bowl is one of the CFP games and this will happen once every 3 years. Taxes for FY19 expected to be significantly higher because of new excise tax where the 5 highest paid employees, over $1 mil, at the institution will be taxed at 21% for any amount over the $1 mil.

IPTAY – major gifts for FY18 saw a large, $4 mil, increase in major gifts but will see a large hit in FY19 with new tax laws. Increase for the Student Athlete Services was for the grab and go station in Nieri. Scholarships for FY19 will be a little higher as this is the first year for Softball scholarships. Three different buckets in reserve – 2 investment vehicles to hopefully bring in a better return than the SunTrust account.

Radakovich presented that 65%, roughly $74 million, of the revenues come from fans in one way or another. None of these dollars are coming from the state or from the University.

Radakovich reported that the Rice commission and the transfer rules will be big topics for the upcoming ACC meetings. Discussed that while the NCAA governance is good, it is not swift. There are many schools represented in the NCAA and many are not on the same financial level, mission, etc. as us and the Rice report seems to be a good path forward for how to begin to rectify questions and issues in our industry. Excited to see all the 100 plus athletes graduate. The tennis facility is going vertical!

**Other**

Bill Baldwin thanked Godfrey for all his hard work and getting the council restructured. Baldwin passed around sign-up sheets for members to sign up for committees and thought the Athletic Council website could use a major overhaul as it hasn’t been updated in a while. Godfrey thanked all members for a great year.

Next meeting will be in September

Meeting adjourned at 1:23pm

Minutes submitted by Kyle Cutler