Per System Policy 18.01 Athletic Council - The principal function of the Athletic Council is to advise the president in the development and supervision of intercollegiate athletic programs.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (Terms expire August 31, of year below):

Attending:
Jody Todhunter          Alicia Currin, Chair          Edward Romero
Josh Jorgensen-EO      Janet Anderson              Rick Rosenstengle
Judy Sackfield-EO      John Ballotti                Dina Sosa
Ryan Ivey-EO           Paige Bussell                Donna Spinato
Jackie Wallgren-EO     Sangkwon Lee                 Fred Stewart
John Kaulfus           Jerry Lytle                  Donna Tavener
Nate Templeton         Blake Cooper

Not Attending:
Brent Donham           Jennifer Flanagan            Derald Harp
David McKenna          LaVelle Hendricks (ex-officio) Barbara Corvey
Maria Ramos            Henry Ross                  Matt Rich-EO

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES (Alicia)
Minutes were approved with no changes.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

• Information for Committee Members
  o Alicia welcomed the following members to their first meeting of 2015: Sangkwon Lee, Donna Tavener, Edward Romero, Donna Spinato, and Sammy Morrone

• System Policy 18.01
  o Reminder that the policy was reviewed during the last meeting, they can retrieve a copy from Erica Contreras

• Jacket Announcement
  o Jackets are in, please meet with Erica to retrieve your jacket

• Tickets for Games
Ryan reminded the athletic council members that tickets are available for games by contacting Josh Jorgensen.

STANDING REPORTS

- FAR Report (LaVelle Hendricks)
  - Alicia presented the FAR report prepared by LaVelle Hendricks
    - Attended regional rules and compliance conference
    - Worked with student athletes and SAC to develop the domestic violence and drug use speaker during Recovery Month Celebrations (over 700 in attendance)
    - Working on an article for publication with AD and graduate assistant on "Athletic Hazing" to be published in February
    - Monitored coaches for NCAA certification on recruiting
    - Preparing for FAR Conference in New Orleans in November. Will be attending NCAA convention in January
    - Working with SAC to establish a faculty appreciation event (TBA). An attempt to get faculty awareness of student athletes
    - Attending soccer, volleyball, and football events. Watching track, men and women basketball and golf practices
    - Meeting on a regular basis with AD and president on athletic related issues
    - Teaches and attends classes

- Academic Subcommittee (Brent Donham)
  - Alicia presented the Academic Subcommittee report prepared by
    - Summarized the purpose of the new subcommittees.
      - Work with liaison in athletics to gather pertinent information and assist in identifying potential issues.
      - The chair of the subcommittee will report during the Athletic Council meetings.
    - Judy Sackfield distributed Chapter 5 from the Athletics Handbook and discussed key elements.
    - Judy Sackfield gave a brief overview of the Athletics Academic Center.
    - Dina Sosa summarized the “Save Your Grade” initiative.
    - Judy Sackfield indicated that it is difficult getting faculty to respond to athletic progress reports. After numerous reminders, she receives around 70% of the reports.

- Student Athlete Well-Being Sub Committee (John Kaulfus & Dina Sosa)
  - Provided snacks for students
  - Added Donna Tavener to this committee
  - Planned to visit and review athletic facilities on Wednesday, December 10, 2014
  - Planning focus group with select student athletes to discuss academics issues

- Compliance Sub Committee
  - Subcommittee did not meet, but Jackie Wallgren reported on the following:
• 1st early signing period (signed 14)
• Reviewing proposed legislation

• Business (Janet Anderson)
  o Provided report on fall sports revenue comparison of FY2015 vs FY2014
  o We had 2 less home games in soccer and we hosted a home volleyball game for FY2015.

• External Sub Committee Report (Blake Cooper)
  o 107.1 partnership

• SAAC Update (Judy Sackfield for Matt Rich)
  o Dodge-ball tournament
  o MRC thanks

• Athletic Director Report (Ryan Ivey)
  o Status of Athletic Development Position
    • Fundraising Priorities
      o Weight room renovation
      o Recruiting cars
      o Softball/Soccer Field House/Locker rooms
      o Permanent Seating and Concession/Ticket Booth on the South Side at the Soccer Field
      o Championship Rings
      o Sports Medicine/Training Room Renovations (new facility at football stadium and renovation of space in the Field House)
      o 56 Passenger Buses
      o Additional dressing rooms in stadium
  
  o Basketball
    • Current records are 6&2 for men and 3&2 for women
  
  o Softball Facility
    • First game is February 1st and softball field should be ready

  o Football
    • Bowl Game
    • Rings
    • Pro Day (80+ NFL scouts were here during the season)
    • Future Plans for Tailgating

  o Homecoming
    • Record Attendance (9,496)
    • Need to look at the future of tailgating – might create a task force
- Lonestar Conference
  - Update on Possible Merge with Heartland
  - Final Results for Football & Soccer

- Facilities
  - Alicia provided an update on the following:
    - Multi Activity Center funded through student referendum
    - Nursing/HHP/Biology building proposal to state
    - Barn for rodeo

- List of Items for future meetings.
  - Future meeting dates
    - February 5, 2015 (Priscilla Nichols will be filling in for Erica)
    - April 2, 2015
    - June 19, 2015 - Retreat