UHM Faculty Senate Committee on Athletics 11/7/2012

Attending: Martha Crosby, Linda Cox, Raymond Panko, Jennifer Matsuda, Peter Nichlson, Garret Clanin, Kari Ambrozich

Not present: Tae-Ung Balk, Ashley Stokes, Richard Nettell

Minutes approved from the 10/3/2012 meeting.

## Student athletes' lives

In order to have discussion on this topic, the group agreed to examine various topics that will be addressed in reports prepared by Peter Nichlson, the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). The topics that the FAR will be addressing include the majors of student athletes, the academic progress of student athletes, and the admission of student athletes.

The first report on the majors of student athletes was circulated and discussed. Clearly many athletes major in sociology. Efforts are being made by advisors to assist students in finding the right major and fitting students into the majors they want. Some issues remain and efforts to examine individual cases need to be ongoing. Art, for example, is a difficult major due to the studio time required

Transfer students that are athletes present unique challenges. Sometimes promises are made to transfer students. Course evaluations for transfer students are not the responsibility of athletic advisors. If courses do not transfer, then a major may not workable for a student athlete because they have limited eligibility and lack the time needed to complete the additional courses.