

UHM Committee On Athletics SMid-year Report 12/17/2011

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We were tasked with examining the student athletic fee, so we met with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and they informed us that there are many more students attending games and they are very happy with that. The committee overseeing the fees does so as follows: 8% of fees are given away and used to 1) increase attendance; 2) student organizations can write grants for activities. The remaining 92% goes toward scholarships.

Student concerns that we would like the full senate to address include:

- a) Internet access is still a problem for the students as they travel for events, **The committee makes a motion to the Athletic Department that each student athlete needs to have internet access while traveling.**
- b) Redesign of athletic facilities was completed without input from many of the student athletes. **The committee makes a motion that student athletes be included throughout the redesign process.** An example is also the design of the softball facilities that also need to address these issues as they pertain to Title IX.
- c) A few faculty are inflexible regarding student athlete travel and we ask that all faculty be supportive of our students when they are required to miss classes for athletic endeavors; it should also be stated that students should miss as few classes as possible to participate in athletic endeavors. It is also suggested that students have designated time for study that does not coincide with other activities. **The committee makes a motion to the MFS, MFS SEC, and Chancellor that all faculty be reminded to be supportive of our students when they are required to miss classes for athletic endeavors; and all athletic department personnel should be reminded that students should miss as few classes as possible to participate in athletic endeavors.**
- d) Some athletes stated that they could not pursue majors they really wanted to due to participation in University-approved athletic endeavors. All majors should be declared open to student athletes and all majors should work to accommodate student athletes. Students will be surveyed regarding ability to choose any major they would like to. **The committee makes a motion that all majors should be declared open to student athletes and all majors should work to accommodate student athletes.**
- e) AAUP has stated that events such as that recently occurring at Penn State may be avoided if there was faculty participation in athletics oversight. UH Manoa takes

these types of issues very seriously and works to aid and protect the students. There is an additional issue of point shaving – this was withheld from the faculty for too long. We need to ensure that there is transparency with the Athletics Department and we commend the openness of the Athletics Department regarding the issue of point shaving.

f) Ongoing review of grades, spending equity, and compliance with Committee On Intercollegiate Athletics. No marked concerns at present.

Meetings: Last Wednesday of each month.

Next meeting: January 25, 2012 2:00pm