

Committee on Athletics Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE November 10, 2020
MEETING TIME 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
LOCATION Virtual meeting via Zoom

Attendance

Members

Name	Role	Attendance
Penny-Bee Bovard	SEC Liaison	Present
Jerry Agrusa	Vice Chair	Present
Katherine Finn Davis	Secretary	Present
Francie Julien-Chinn	Member	Present
Kenneth Lawson	Chair	Present
Cory Lenz	Member	Present
Stacy Ray	Member	Present
Scott Sinnett	Far Rep	Present
Kelley Withy	Member/COIA Rep	Present

Guests

Name	Role	Time
n/a		

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Subject	Discussion/Information	Action / Strategy / Responsible Person
Call to Order	1. Call to Order	1. The meeting was called to order by COA Chair Lawson at 3:03 PM.
Review of Minutes	1. Minutes are housed on the COA Google Shared drive and emailed by Chair Lawson who requests their review before the meeting.	1. Julien-Chinn moved and Agrusa seconded. Unanimously approved.
Chair's Report	1. n/a 2.	1. 2.
Action Items	1. n/a 2.	1. 2.
Guest(s)	1. n/a	1.
Committee Reports	1. SEC Liaison Report (Bovard) 2. FAR Report (Sinnott)	1. Mahalo and much appreciation from SEC for service of all members of COA. 2. David Matlin, Athletic Director, to speak at next meeting. Will provide an athletic dept rundown, speak to COVID in general.
Unfinished Business	1. Request by Lawson for COA to think about athletes mental health to discuss at next meeting. 2. Sinnott concerned about student athletes not being comfortable to play/practice or speaking up with any issues	1. Completed with below discussion

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Business	<p>1. A discussion on Holistic Health and Wellness of our Student-Athletes. Including implementation of Talk Space and community outreach and support, and services available on campus for student-athletes and the entire student population at UHM.</p> <p>How can we best serve our athletes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -There are many layers that are interconnected that cause stress (ex. Lulima/Canvas/Google classroom nonstandardization issues, various apps used, unreliable internet, no quiet place to study). -ASUH putting out a climate survey to see how students are doing. Student athletes are not necessarily on ASUH. -Laura Armer, (Coll of Soc Sciences) computer specialist, gave a Bootcamp for using Lulima for Students in the past. Coll of Edu has also provided some inservices. - Finding classes that student athletes can fit into their tight schedules is a challenge. - Talk Space - counseling services are being extended/expanded for students. A safe space being offered for students to talk (Mo'olelo). Mental illness is still a stigma for student athletes and may be a barrier to getting help. There is an app that connects students with mental health resources. - Student Health Center is short on psychologists. -Telehealth - working on developing further - website is available mentalhealthhawaii.info. DOH committed to fund further development of this resource. There are mental health providers available to help - but students are not accessing these services. May be due to fewer school counselors to refer students to MH providers or message of availability is not reaching students. <p>2. Protections and safeguards for student-athletes who, due to COVID, may afraid to play/practice or reluctant to speak up on issues related to COVID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Stressing and communicating mental health resources and ways to access would be helpful even beyond COVID 	<p>1. Reach out to ASUH to see how we could help with the survey. Chair Lawson or Co-chair Agrusa will email ASUH president & GSO president will invite them to next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Can we ask faculty to get on the same learning platform? - Can we lower the max # of students per online class so Prof is able to better pay attention to the students? Optimal class size question should be on ASUH survey. -Another survey question suggestion - ask about mental health resources - Suggest using text for the survey (not email) to increase access. Ask students how to best communicate with them. Bovard will pass along this suggestion to ASUH/GSO. -Ask how counseling Center is communicating with students. Is their approach effective? <p>2. Beneficial question to ask in survey about fear of playing/practicing with COVID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Consider a climate survey for only student athletes. Or asking ASUH to add a question to identify themselves as a student athlete. Bovard can ask Faculty Senate about funding to add a question to the ASUH survey.
New Business	1. Challenges of Student-Athletes Navigating Academics, Sport, and COVID19	See #2 above for similar topic
Adjournment	The next meeting of the Committee on Athletics will be on December 1, 2020, 3-4pm.	Agrusa made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Finn Davis, Secretary

Approved unanimously on December 1, 2020.