

## **UHM Committee On Athletics 8/31/2011**

**Attending: James Cartwright; Martha Crosby; Scott Lozanoff; Richard Nettell; Lawrence Nitz; Raymond Panko; Ashley Stokes; Kelley Withy; Linda Cox; Peter Nicolson (FAR); Ian Pagano (MFS Liaison).**

**Not present: Jennifer Matsuda.**

### **1. Mandate from MFS:**

**Examine Student Athletic Fee Impact:** COA deferred an assessment of this until more data is available and look forward to meeting with the committee tasked with assessing this next school year. “The Senate should have an accounting of how student athletic fees are spent and the impact of the mandatory \$50 student athletic on student attendance at games. For example, how many students are taking advantage of the “free” tickets to UH football games? Is there an increase in student use of athletic department facilities? COA is asked to lead a joint working group with Committee on Student Affairs that continues to examine these issues and report to the Senate on or before February 2012.”

This year we will have a meeting with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee to examine any impact of student athletic fee, how the facilities are, how we can improve communication between students and faculty and how to increase faculty participation annual mixer.

Follow up from last year:

1.Free ticket policy has been changed so that those who get season tickets will receive a 1099, or they can be provided with individual tickets for games.

2.We need better communication between professors and student athletes. Students who are traveling are going to be listed on the website and professors will get automatic notices. This process is new and students still need to contact professors to get assignments. We will assess how this goes.

3.NCAA site visit in October, the two issues are free cars for coaches (more for men than women) and the poor state of the softball field.

New topics:

#### **1. Examine patterns of study and academic success of student athletes.**

Find out *which concentrations are most common for athletes to pursue*. Is this a problem? We wish to look at the percent of student athletes compared to general population of students in each major. 40% of male athletes major in Sociology, is there a higher rate of Samoan language?

***Questions for SCC: 1. If there is someone looking at courses that have a***

*high percentage of A's? 2) If anyone can look at student grade patterns for anomalies (including athletics as a subset)? 3) Is there any faculty representation in the admissions appeals process?*

*Peter is tasked with finding out if there are majors that athletes can't pursue because of practice times or other reasons.*

One problem we have is the community college transfers tend to do worse than other student athletes based on graduation rates. Also, athletes are supported through the admissions appeals process which could be considered a special admission process. We need to have the same process for athletes and non-athletes. Perhaps we need more input from faculty in the appeals process. Peter will supply some data next month.

2. COIA best practices include: adopting policies that ensure that student-athletes are held to the same academic standards as non-athletes and are mainstreamed into the academic life of their universities; faculty exercising direct oversight of academic matters related to student-athletes; and making athletic budgets more transparent while aligning them with the mission and values of the academic institution.

Request budget numbers from Carl Klapp. Next meeting we will discuss how UHM can best align with the COIA best practices.

Recommended liaison to AAB: Richard Nettell.

Next meeting:

1. Discussion of academic questions brought up previous meeting. Also, how we can improve alignment with COIA best practices.
2. Meeting with student athletes-Peter to help set that up.
3. Review data from Carl Klapp regarding budgets and information.
4. Should the teams be listed as UHM, or should the system pay more since only UHM students and facilities pay for the athletics teams?

Regular meeting time, final wed of each month 2pm in Hawaii hall 208