**COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Oct. 8, 2015 **3:30-4:30 pm**

**Location:** Hawaii Hall 208

**Attendance:** [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

| **MEMBERS** | | **MEMBERS** | | **MEMBERS** | | **GUESTS** | **TIME** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Harris-McCoy, Dan (Chair) | P | Magdy Iskander | P | Kelley Withy (SEC Liaison) | E | David Matlin, UH Athletics Director | 3:30-4:38 |
| Victoria Szymczak, (Vice-Chair) | E | Martin Oishi | E |  |  |  |  |
| Jenny Wells (Secretary) | E | Ian Oyama | E |  |  |  |  |
| David Ericson (FAR) | A | Guylaine Poisson | P |  |  |  |  |
| David Flynn | E | Brent Sipes | P |  |  |  |  |

| **SUBJECT** | **DISCUSSION / INFORMATION** | **ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **CALL TO ORDER** |  | Meeting was called to order by Chair Daniel Harris-McCoy at 3:30 |
| **MINUTES** | The minutes from the Sep. 24 meeting were not reviewed due to lack of quorum. They will be reviewed during the Nov. 12 meeting. |  |
|  | 1) Athletics Director David Matlin was our guest for the entire COA meeting. AD Matlin and COA members had a wide-ranging discussion that was loosely based on the questions submitted to the AD prior to the meeting. Some of the major themes that emerged from the conversation were:  \*\* The need for increased communication between the Athletics Department, the University as a whole, and the broader community  \*\* Approach to financial problems will be incremental, attempting to gradually reduce debt over several years  \*\* Recognizes need for community to understand athletics in other than financial terms; e.g. as face of University, as entertainment and inspiration for state of Hawaii.  \*\* Will be communicating the above to BOR in “Deep Dive”, i.e. in-depth self-analysis, after which a larger community relations push will take place including in the Senate.  \*\* Discussed cost of attendance scholarship including Title IX aspects  \*\* In general happy with facilities with the exception of practice facilities for volleyball and basketball  \*\* New football stadium likely on current location; access to Ala Wai location, for example, is too problematic  \*\* We discussed academic aspects of student-athlete life including various mechanisms for assessing academic performance  \*\* Discussed student fees, which AD insisted were relatively low  \*\* Faculty involvement in programs, and in particular liaising with student athletes |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| **ADJOURNMENT** |  | * Meeting adjourned 4:38 pm |

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Harris-McCoy.

Approved on Nov. 12 with 8 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.