

McNeese State University Athletics Advisory Committee

Web site: <http://www.mcneese.edu/aac>

Minutes for 4/22/09

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Michele Martin (Chair) at 4:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Martin (Chair), Awagain, Blakeley, Clark, Duhon, Dye, Northam, Patterson, Pickering, Pitre

Committee members absent: Burckel, Daboval, Fischer, Griffith, Hebert, Poole

Presenters: Tommy McClelland, Bridget Martin, Deb Kingrey, Travis Pickering, Michele Martin

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for 4/22/09 approved.

3. Approval of Prior Minutes

Minutes from 2/11/09 meeting approved.

4. Materials Distributed at Today's Meeting

Agenda (4/22/09)

Minutes (2/11/09)

Compliance Report to MSU Athletics Advisory Committee (B. Martin)

Academic Report (D. Kingrey)

Reporting and Monitoring Cycles (M. Martin)

5. Mr. Tommy McClelland, Athletics Director

Budget concerns for Athletics Department discussed. Athletics facing 21% cut of state-funded resources, which account for half of Department budget. Other half of budget is self-generated. Like all campus units, Athletics is preparing for worst-case scenario w/budget. All vacant positions currently frozen.

Vast majority of Athletics Department sponsors are continuing their support.

Athletics scholarships are not being cut.

McNeese hosting Southland Conference softball tournament (5/7-5/9), utilizing new Hodges Street fieldhouse and softball complex.

6. Ms. Bridget Martin, Senior Woman Administrator/Compliance Officer

Report to MSU Athletics Advisory Committee distributed.

McNeese has not reported any secondary violations since previous meeting.

NCAA's Committee on Infractions (CIO) has accepted McNeese's *Compliance Report* (submitted 12/15/08). Probationary period has ended, and McNeese has been restored to full membership status.

On-going NCAA rules education activities were discussed.

2 medical hardship waivers have been approved; 4 others pending.

NCAA Division I Legislative Council has defeated a proposal that would have reduced the number of games in baseball.

7. Travis Pickering, Coordinator of Student-Athlete Mentoring

90% completion rate expected for student-athlete surveys. Data will be included in Athletics Department Master Plan.

8. Ms. Deb Kingrey, Academic Counselor for Student-Athletes

Academic Report handout distributed.

Women's basketball has been denied APR (Academic Progress Rate) penalty waiver relief. Waivers for other sports (baseball, football, softball, men's gold) are expected to be granted.

Numbers from priority web registration for student-athletes: 115 enrolled for Summer; 251 for Fall.

SAAC meeting on 4/27/09: Bridget Martin and Dr. Rosemary Gray scheduled guest speakers.

9. Michele Martin – Faculty Athletics Representative - Chair's Report

Reporting & Monitoring Cycles handout distributed.

Allison Blevins, Director of General and Basic Studies, will oversee academic services for student-athletes as indicated in the McNeese University Master

Plan. Dean of Enrollment Management and Registrar, Stephanie Tarver, is responsible for final approval of such services.

Monitoring and self-study certification (3rd cycle) will largely be APR-based.

Coaches recognize their accountability for the APR scores of their respective squads.

All Southland Conference institutions face similar challenges presented by APR-based academic reform.

A quick review of the APR (Academic Progress Rate) is online at:

<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=341>

Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) web site is online at:

<http://www.farawebsite.org/>

10. Subcommittee Reports

Academic Integrity

What are the best practices and procedures for coaches to track the academic and attendance records of their student-athletes during the semester?

Subcommittee chair, Dr. Darryl Burckell met with Dean of Enrollment Management and Registrar, Stephanie Tarver, to discuss the use of the BANNER system as a more efficient means for tracking the academic progress of student-athletes. Report with recommendations pending.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. Next meeting for Fall, 2009. Check committee web site: <http://www.mcneese.edu/aac> for updates or announcements.