

**McNeese State University Athletics Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes for 2/14/07**

**1. Call to Order**

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

Members present: Martin (Chair), Awagain, Blakeley, Burckel, Clark, Dye, Griffith, Hebert, Patterson, Pitre, Watts

Members absent: Duhon, Northam, Simmons

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Agenda for 2/14/07 approved.

**3. Approval of Prior Minutes**

Minutes of 9-16-06 approved

Minutes of 11-8-06 approved

**4. Materials Distributed at Meeting**

*Report to MSU Athletics Advisory Committee* (B. Martin) – Attachment 1

*NCAA Division I Adopted Legislation, January 8, 2007* (B. Martin)

*Cowboy/Cowgirl Athletics* (B. Martin)

*Athletics Advisory Committee Academic Report* (D. Kingrey) – Attachment 2

**5. Athletics Director Report – Mr. Sonny Watkins**

Repairs to Memorial Gym have been completed.

Structural survey of Cowboy Stadium is required (cost \$28,000).

Film tower for soccer field has been completed.

Outfield fence for Cowboy Diamond should be ready by 2/23/07.

Timing board has been installed in southeast corner of track facility.

Football is trying to schedule a 6<sup>th</sup> home game for the 2007 season.

Football squad will play at UL-Lafayette on 9/15/07.

New scoreboards have been installed at Burton Coliseum.

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant in Women's Softball has been hired.

Tim Leger, former MSU player, has been hired to the football coaching staff.

One additional position will be filled on Coach Viator's football coaching staff.

**6. Senior Woman Administrator/Compliance Officer Report– Bridget Martin**

See Attachment 1 (*Report to MSU Athletics Advisory Committee*)

Recently announced Track and Basketball (Men's) NCAA infractions reviewed.

A university Compliance Committee may be established.

**7. Academic Counselor for Student-Athletes - Academic Issues Report – Deb Kingrey**

See Attachment 2 (*Athletics Advisory Committee Academic Report*)

APR will be announced later this month. No penalties are anticipated.

Study Hall is now located on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Kaufman (old Language Lab).

**8. Chair's Report – Michele Martin**

NCAA Certification decision should be known by March.

Chair met with Faculty Senate and presented information regarding academic accomplishments of McNeese student-athletes. Deb Kingrey will check to determine the percentage of student-athletes who qualify for TOPS.

Faculty Senate is still considering this committee's *Make-up Exam* proposal.

Faculty recognize the primary importance of communication between student-athletes and themselves regarding excused absences, missed class time, and arrangements for make-up exams and/or class work.

Student-athletes must provide their instructors with dates for missed class time due to university-sanctioned athletics events. Possible solutions to improve procedures were discussed (e.g. faculty listserv) and will be investigated further.

This committee's recent proposal regarding permissible communication between coaches and instructors will likely be approved by the Faculty Senate.

**9. New Business**

Deb Kingrey provided comparative data on dropped classes by student-athletes and the general student population. For Fall, 2006, the percentage was exactly the same. Awagain will check drop rates for specific sports.

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes by Awagain