

**McNeese State University Athletics Advisory Committee
Minutes for 9/12/07**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Michele Martin (Chair) at 4:00 p.m.
Members present: Martin (Chair), Awagain, Blakeley, Burckel, Duhon, Dye, Northam, Patterson, Pitre, Watts
Members absent: Griffith, Simmons, Hannie

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for 9/12/07 approved with one correction.

3. Approval of Prior Minutes

Minutes of 4/25/07 meeting approved.

4. Materials Distributed at Meeting

Athletics Director Report (Tommy McClelland) – ATTACHMENT 1
Compliance Report (Bridget Martin) – ATTACHMENT 2
Athletics Compliance Comm. Minutes (dist. by B. Martin) – ATTACHMENT 2A
Academic Report (Deb Kingrey) – ATTACHMENT 3
AAC Operational Guidelines (M. Martin) – ATTACHMENT 4

5. President's Report – Dr. Robert Hebert

Dr. Hebert deferred to Mr. Tommy McClelland, Interim Athletics Director

6. Athletics Director Report – Mr. Tommy McClelland

See [Attachment 1](#).

State budget increases and Cowboy Club scholarship funding reviewed.

Due to state budget increases, 100% funding of student-athlete scholarships attained. Previous funding was 87%. Possibilities look favorable for continued commitment to full scholarship funding. Endowment funding for athletic scholarships is at the early stages, but long-term planning has begun.

Field House renovation start date has been delayed.

Hodges Street Field House completion date is set for late March or early April of Spring, 2008.

Field turf (synthetic) for football playing surface is a possibility for 2008.

7. Senior Woman Administrator/Compliance Officer Report – Bridget Martin

See Attachment 2.

Violation (self-reported in baseball) and waivers reviewed.

NCAA Compliance Seminar (June, 2007) attended by B. Martin and others with compliance responsibilities.

Newly-formed university Compliance Committee (university) has met. Bridget distributed minutes of that initial meeting. See Attachment 2A.

NCAA legislative proposals (pending) were reviewed.

Athletics Interest Survey results are being tabulated. Michele indicated that exit survey results should be reported in the *Master Plan* as a basis for making changes. We have indicated in the *NCAA Self-Study* that this is what we do.

8. Academic Counselor for Student-Athletes – Deb Kingrey – Academic Report

See Attachment 3.

APR (Academic Progress Rate) scores are satisfactory for eight athletics squads. Volleyball team achieved a perfect score of 1,000.

Four squads (baseball, women's basketball, men's golf, and men's track) will be required to submit academic improvement plans (APR scores below 900). One element which will be likely be added are the Freshman Foundation courses.

APR scores are based on retention and eligibility of each student-athlete. There is an "adjustment" permitted in APR scores for undergraduate student-athletes who are drafted professionally (e.g. baseball).

Team GPA reports were also reviewed.

Student-athlete study hall hours are now being scheduled. This new procedure is working very well. Study hall is now open 57 hours per week and is staffed by one part-time employee and two graduate assistants.

Number of academically "at-risk" student-athletes has dropped considerably during the last three semesters.

9. Chair's Report – Michele Martin

Athletics Advisory Committee (AAC) Operational Guidelines handout discussed [[Attachment 4](#)], with particular emphasis to be placed on items 10-13.

Operational items 1.1, 1.2 (Governance and Compliance), 2.1, 2.2, (Academic Integrity) and 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 (Equity, Student-Athlete Welfare and Sportsmanship) were reviewed.

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2007-08 AAC Membership roster distributed [[See Attachment 5](#)]. Send any changes to Chair ASAP.

Chair Martin sent congratulatory letters to our honor roll student-athletes and their respective coaches.

Web site for this committee is <http://www.mcneese.edu/aac> . Materials can be added at the committee's discretion.

Athletics Certification Committee reports that the university's required compliance report must be completed by 1/15/08. Beth Chapman has been contracted by the university. The initial NCAA Steering Committee will review her recommendations.

Southland Conference (SLC) wants more active SAAC (Student Athlete-Advisory Committees). SLC has started meeting with university Faculty Representatives.

Chair Martin will be attending two-day meeting of FAR (Faculty Athletics Representatives), which will focus on academics and student welfare. Housing for student-athletes will also be addressed.

Contact Michele regarding your AAC standing committee appointment (Academic Integrity, Governance/Rules Compliance, or Equity, Student-Athlete Welfare and Sportsmanship).

10.Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 14.

11.Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.