

McNeese State University Athletic Committee
Minutes for 9-13-06

- I. Call to order
 - A. Meeting called to order by Michele Martin at 4:00 p.m.
 - B. Absent: Dr. Hebert.

- II. Approval of agenda
 - A. D. Burckel made the motion to accept the agenda; A. Dye seconded.
 - B. Motion passed.

- III. Athletic Director's Report – Sonny Watkins - moved to later in the meeting.

- IV. Senior Women's Administrator report – Bridget Martin
 - A. NCAA rejected summary disposition for men's basketball and track and field violations. McNeese will have to appear December 8 before the Infractions Committee in Indianapolis, IN. MSU has retained Beth Chapman for representation. Should receive results within six weeks after appearance.
 - 1. D. Burckel questioned the nature of the infractions. B. Martin said it involved a correspondence for basketball athletes.
 - 2. J. Patterson questioned whether the recent infractions would be added to current violations. B. Martin responded that the new violations were alleged.
 - B. Secondary violation in soccer – an athlete's scheduled departure went over 48 hours due to weather.
 - C. Link on the web site for compliance information. Educational posters have been developed.
 - D. Intends to schedule visits with departments about potential issues with student athletes.
 - E. Two excellent speakers (Dan Clark and Bob Anastis) were at the student athlete orientation.

- V. Athletic Director's report – Sonny Watkins
 - A. Facilities issues
 - 1. Damage to floor and roof in Memorial Gym have not been repaired. Volleyball must travel to Sulphur to practice and play games. New gym for Lake Charles Parks & Rec has no scoreboard; therefore, no games can be played there. No completion date has been announced for repairs.
 - 2. Softball complex is still a long way from completion (it was to have been completed two years ago); costs have increased, and more money is now needed. OCR became involved a few years ago.
 - 3. Football lights have been repaired. Power outage at the end of the last game resulted in the Fire Department rescuing people out of the pressbox. No injuries to people in the elevator, and letters of apology

will be written. Control box went out and will cost \$35,000-40,000 to repair. One elevator was already out.

4. Hoping to get two new scoreboards in Burton Coliseum.
 5. Track's new surface has two edge areas that did not seal. Marks are still visible from vandalism, and there have been no responses to the reward.
- B. Budget issues. Some sports can generate monies through guarantee games. Daktronics contract helps provide monies through advertising.
 - C. Focus is on in season sports. A 10-12 foot tower for the soccer film deck should be ready by next Wednesday (September 20).
- VI. Academic Issues report – Deb Kingrey
- A. Fourteen of 16 sports did not meet benchmark set by NCAA. Each coach had to develop an academic improvement plan. Only two sports have not submitted their plans.
 - B. SAAC Update - handout
 - C. Large percentage of athletes in General Studies.
 - D. Summer school enrollment for athletes has grown. S. Watkins stated there is not enough funding for all those athletes pursuing summer school.
 - E. Academic improvement plans from each sport will be reviewed.
- VII. Chair's report – Ms. Michele Martin
- A. NCAA certification report is on the web site under "Administration".
 - B. Items to be completed: #10 (review of composite operations manual), #11 (violations review), and # 12 (academic).
 - C. Must get the competitive schedule and facility usage by November 13 to comply with equity plan for equal usage. New facilities coordinator (Tommy McClellan) will coordinate.
 - D. Committee will review minority and equity plans.
 - E. NCAA visitation: Team will visit facilities. Only three people (President, liaison, and one other) will be coming because there is only issue at question. Issue of oversight on student services – was not explained properly. Report has been rewritten and resubmitted. Committee will vote in February on recertification.
- VIII. Old Business
- A. Steve Rainey is President of Faculty Senate. The Senate (Academic Affairs committee) has to review the make up policy.
 - B. Motion made by J. Patterson to have the next meeting November 8. D. Burckell seconded. Motion passed.
- IX. New Business
- A. Discussion of the percentage of regular students and the percentage of student athletes who have requested and been allowed to change recorded grade to an "I." This issue was referred to the Academic Integrity for research and a report at the November meeting.

X. Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.