

Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2018

Attendees: Valdez, Anderson, Alexander, Buskirk, Herda, Twombly, Reed, Misenhelter, Phillips, Diepenbrock, Robben. Absent: Schaefer and Thompson

Following introductions, Suzanne Valdez explained that Susan Twombly would chair the committee for the faculty semester while she is acting FAR. Valdez will chair in spring when Susan Williams returns to the FAR position.

Upon reviewing the charges, the committee jumped right in and proposed revisions to the Standing Charges as follows:

Proposed Standing Charge #1: Receive and review a report from Kansas Athletics Inc. (KAI) on efforts to promote and maintain academic excellence for student athletes. This report may include the following data:

- a. Missed class days
- b. Spring and Fall Student Athlete Grade Summary
- c. NCAA Academic Progress Rate Institutional Report
- d. Graduation rates
- e. KAI report on majors for athletes and non-athletes

The Athletic Committee will receive this report early in the Fall semester based on previous year's data, will meet to review the report with the appropriate representatives of KAI, and will make recommendations based on its review as the Committee deems necessary.

(Note: We discussed the alternative of posting a calendar of when various reports are due to the NCAA and discussing them after they are posted. One challenge of this approach is that, according to Paul, these reports dribble out over an academic year and are not all due at one time.)

Current Standing Charge #1: Review KU and Kansas Athletics Inc. (KAI) efforts to promote and maintain academic excellence for student athletes.

- a. academic barriers and recommend mechanisms to overcome such barriers including collaboration with the student athlete academic support services*
- b. Review current-year data on missed class days due to competition and travel.*
- c. Review the following KAI academic reports: Spring and Fall Student-Athlete Grade Summary, NCAA Academic Progress Rate Institutional Report, Graduation Rates and the KAI report on academic majors for student-athletes and non-athletes.*
- d. Review the effects of university changes regarding core requirements, majors, minors, certificates or other curricular issues.*

Proposed Standing Charge #2: Receive and review a report from KAI (and KU) on efforts to provide a premier student athlete experience. This report may include the following:

- a. A report on programs designed to ensure the personal development and personal welfare of student athletes including: nutrition and physical health, mental health, and safety.

- b. A report from KAI exit-interviews with student athletes.
- c. A report from the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.
- d. A report on status of policies and procedures on drug testing, diversity, and sexual harassment, including Title IX compliance.

The Athletic Committee will receive this report, will meet to review the report with the appropriate representatives of KAI and KU, and will make recommendations based on its review as the Committee deems necessary.

Note: For 2018-19, we discussed dividing this work into two meetings with KAI, one with the Senior Women's Athletic Administrator and one with the lead administrator who works with KU Leads.)

Current Standing Charge #2: Review KU and KAI efforts to provide a premier student athlete experience.

- a. *Review programs designed to ensure the personal development and personal welfare of student athletes including: nutrition and physical health, mental health, and safety.*
- b. *Review reports from KAI exit-interviews and KAI survey questions regarding participation in the broader campus community.*
- c. *Review Student Athlete Advisory Committee programs and recommend opportunities to improve student athlete involvement in extracurricular campus and community activities.*

Proposed Standing Charge #3: Receive and review a report from KAI and the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) on KU and KAI efforts to ensure compliance with University, Big XII, NCAA rules, and Federal law.

The Athletic Committee will receive this report, will meet to review the report with the appropriate representatives of KAI, and will make recommendations based on its review as the Committee deems necessary.

Current Standing Charge # 3: Help ensure KU maintains athletic compliance with University, Big XII and NCAA rules and Federal law.

- a. *Review educational programs and communication strategies to ensure the KU community better understands the combined responsibility for compliance.*
- b. *Review and summarize KAI reports identifying athletic compliance parameters including but not limited to recruiting practices and university admissions.*
- c. *Review KU and KAI policies and procedures on drug testing, diversity and sexual harassment including Title IX compliance, and alcohol use in matters of sexual assault reporting.*

We proposed deleting charge #4 because the first three charges address the intent of Charge # 4

Current Standing Charge #4: Help ensure KU meets its strategic goals pertaining to athletics.

- a. *Recommend educational programs and communication strategies to enhance the balance between academics and athletics, as well as to promote a broad understanding of the goals and priorities of each.*
- b. *Recommend mechanisms for improved communication between KAI coaches and staff and KU faculty, staff and students*
- c. *Maintain regular communications with the NCAA/Big XII Faculty Representative, the Athletics Advisory Committee (AAC), KAI and University Governance to ensure the needs of each are being served.*

Paul Buskirk distributed a package of materials containing academic reports from 2017-2018 and previous Athletic Committee Reports.

We agreed to meet on the first Monday of the month at 10:30. A Blackboard site has been created.

The next meeting is November 5 in the CLAS conference room (210 Strong Hall). Paul Buskirk will present and discuss KAI academic reports.