

University Senate Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7th, 2017
Dolph Simmons Conference Room, Wagnon Student Athlete Center

Attending:

Leslee Smithhisler
Susan Williams
Meghan Misenhelter
Phil Wedge
Chris Anderson
Chris Wallace
Suzanne Valdez
Paul Buskirk

Phil Wedge served as Chairperson for the meeting.

I) Approval of minutes from Feb 8th meeting

II) Phil and Chris discussed their work with a subgroup from Athletics and P&R committees to address the specific charges from the December 8th 2016 meeting.

- NCAA budget information was shared – unclear how it impacted questions on KAI facilities
- Chris offered to email Pat Kaufman to clarify some information
- Susan offered that there had been no official request from Engineering to KAI regarding use of Facilities
- Susan offered that there may be an opportunity for the Athletics Director and herself (as Faculty Athletics Representative to address University Senate on annual basis to answer General questions from governance about athletics)

III) Review of Standing Charges continued

1. Keep as annual charge – review as needed
2. Keep as annual charge – Paul is asked to provide the data identified therein;
-also, if student-athletes are not participating members of the committee in a given year
The committee should make specific effort to reach out to student-athletes for input
3. Keep as annual charge – review as needed
4. Keep as annual charge – review as needed
-Also, recommending that committee formally request a change of wording as follows:

From: “Recommend mechanisms for improved communication between KAI coaches and staff and KU faculty, staff and students.”

To: “Recommend mechanisms for improved communication among directors of KAI compliance and academic support and KU faculty, staff and students.”

IV) New Business

-None

V) Next meeting is set for Thursday, April 13th at noon. KAI will provide lunch. Athletics Director Sheahon Zenger has been invited to speak to the group – not yet confirmed