

Committee on Athletics Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022 Meeting #2 – In-Person/Zoom

Present: Chris Karadjov, Jana Fogaca, Ted Kadowaki, Nicholas Broadhead, Victor Wang, Maga-Jui Marape, Corinne Garthoff, Brenda Vogel, Brian Coriaty, Michael Solt, Madeleine Liseblad, Samar Needham, Andrea Lopez, and Liana Martin

1. **Call to Order** at 3:05 p.m.
2. **Meeting agenda approved.**
3. **Approval of minutes** from Sept. 21, 2022: Minutes approved with one minor change.
4. **Welcome and brief introductions** - All members present introduced themselves, what departments they represented, and why there were interested in athletics (please see longer introduction notes from September meeting). New introductions included Brian Coriaty who is the assistant director of club sports and recreation, and Victor Wang who is an assistant professor in accountancy.
5. **Athletic tickets** - Chris Karadjov explained that since this committee is here to support athletics, we can ask for tickets to sporting events.
6. **Daily 49er discussion** - Nicholas Broadhead and Andrea Lopez are sports assistants for the Daily 49er and they discussed how the media outlet covers sports. Nicholas and Andrea both mentioned that, in addition to covering games, they want to do more athlete profile stories. Nicholas was previously the sports editor at his community college and he has always been interested in the human aspect of sports.

The Daily 49er has a third sports assistant who focuses mostly on photography. Thus in total there are three people covering sports at the Daily 49er. The physical newspaper publishes once a month, but they publish online once a week. In the past, the Daily 49er was published four days a week. The staff tries to cover as many games on campus as possible. They also try to cover games and sporting events off campus.

Sometimes stories/events go viral, for example recently when a female soccer player made a

recognizing heritage months and incorporating that information into games/game coverage. In addition, they are working on affinity groups for athletes such as Asian-American, LGBTQ+ etc.

This committee got its start four or five years ago. The committee's charge and goals are being worked on, as is an action plan.

Liana Martin, Student Development Coordinator and Chair of the Athletic DEI Committee, mentioned one of her priorities are international students. Plans are still in the brainstorming phase, but Liana wants to focus on tangible things the committee can accomplish. She wants to foster support for international student-athletes and partner up with others on campus to help international students. A mentorship program may be one way to accomplish that. The NCAA gave some recommendations last week. Whatever is decided on, it is important that everyone is on the same page.

A survey regarding needs was sent to the Athletic department in 2018. Liana suggested it is time to revisit those needs so they know more about topics to focus on.

LGBTQ student-athletes also need support and inclusive language should be pursued.

Jana Fogaca teaches sports psychology and was an international student. She offered mentoring and other support.

Maga-Jui Marape is an international student. He is also a member of the rugby team; the team has several international students. Maga-Jui mentioned that international students tend to stick together because they have similar experiences.

8. **Faculty Athletics Representative** – Chris Karadjov said there is a selection process for the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) coming up and this committee has to review applications and make a recommendation to the senate. The senate then puts forward names to the president. The presidents officially appoints the FAR.

Brenda Vogel explained the academic senate has sent out an announcement soliciting applications for the position. The COA should get statements that we then evaluate. We nominate names to the senate and they make recommendations to the president. If the incumbent seeks reappointment, this committee can choose to merely provide the name of the incumbent.

At the COA's next meeting, the committee needs to review applications. The deadline for applications is November 11, and the COA meets on November 16. These deadlines are set so that there is an overlap for a potential new person; the learning curve is steep.

The FAR is mandated by the NCAA and every NCAA institution has one. The specific role of the FAR has changed under the re-birth of the NCAA.

Brenda explained that the duties of the FAR fall into four areas:

- I. Institutional control – that there are processes – checks and balances - in place for the athletic department. The FAR certifies (doesn't conduct eligibility checks, but certifies) the eligibility of student-athletes
- II. Student-athlete welfare – the FAR is an independent resource for students. They meet with teams, talk to athletes and connect athletes with resources. The position also deals with student-athlete academic welfare/success.

- III. Compliance – The FAR works closely with compliance staff/committee and helps in initiating investigations into issues with coaches/donors/parents. This can be time heavy.
- IV. Academics – student-athletes travelling are excused absences. The FAR can proctor exams etc. to help students. They can also help with plagiarism/other types of academic discipline issues.

Brenda explained it is a multi-faceted, time consuming, but wonderful job. The FAR is provided 6 units of release time, plus a \$10,000 stipend for the summer.

The role is loosely defined on every campus and there are some differences between campuses. For example, how many events one is expected to attend. The FARs are integrated well within The Big West athletic conference. Each institution has 2 voting members and one has to be the FAR.

This is a time consuming position. Brenda has not taken a sabbatical and vacations always include some work. You are expected to be available weekends/vacations. The position is limited to two terms. When the FAR travels, the reimbursement comes from the President's budget.

Brenda explained she is applying again. She is on the COA and the committee will be responsible for nominations to the Senate, but there are technically no rules for what she should do in this situation. Chris Karadjov and Michael Solt suggested she excuses herself from the discussion and voting. Ted Kadowaki asked if we only put forth names and not rank names and the COA only provides names to the Senate. Brenda explained we evaluate in light of the requirements for the position. For example, the applicants have to be tenured.

Applications from the Senate go to Ann Kinsey, then Chris Karadjov will sort out who should receive them – the entire COA or just voting members.

9. **Adjournment:** Meeting ended at 4:32. Next meeting is Nov. 16, 2022.

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