

Committee on Athletics

Minutes for Academic Year 2024-2025

Hybrid – COB 204 & Zoom | Meeting #3 | November 26th, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

In Attendance: Chris Karadjov, Milton Ordonez, Tirth Dave, Jake Conlon, Khue Duong, Kimberly Farell, Kurt Escobar, Penelope Ayala, Alison Edwards, Sandra Shirley, Natalie Raegan, Gary Metzker, Tiffany Edlin, Stephen Glass, Arlene Walter

I. Calling the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved at 3:05 PM.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from October 16th, 2024 were approved at 3:10 PM.

IV. Agenda

a. Chair's Report – Chris Karadjov, Chair of Committee on Athletics

x No news to report.

b. Presentation by Gary Metzker, JOUR 398 - Sports Journalism Class

- x I have been at Long Beach State for 17 years. I teach classes in media design, mass media in society and sports journalism. Our sports journalism class is the first of its kind in the CSU system and is about 16 years old.
- x Students can meet professionals in the business, and we often have guest speakers that come to class. John Ireland, play-by-play commentator for the Laker's, Steve Mason, and Beto Duran are some of the most notable speakers who have come in the past. In Spring 2025, Stephen A Smith is coming to speak to the students
- x Chris asked for clarity on the types of jobs students are preparing for in the sport industry with this class. Some want broadcasting positions, some want to be behind camera or in production truck, and others want to be writing for websites and prints
- x Arlene asked how the class has integrated Artificial Intelligence into the curriculum and if it has caused any issues. This hasn't been an issue, the topics discussed in this class specifically are hard to master. Students must include quotes from guests to receive full points on some assignments.

- x Kim asked if and how students are able to practice their play-by-play commentating. We encourage students to shadow when possible, but there are not many opportunities in the field for this. If they cannot find these positions, we tell them to practice with phones. There are many people in the industry currently who love to mentor.
- x Kim asked if students have been pursuing experience at high school level. The NFHS is an organization that promotes high school sporting events by streaming games and providing play-by-play commentary. This is a subscription based platform, but commentators are only assigned to some games in Orange County and Los Angeles County. The organization isn't widespread enough to do everything and its main focus is on promoting high school football. Commentators receive \$100 per game for their services, and they can add this experience to their industry resume.
- x Our students are blessed to be here at Long Beach State. Students are hesitant to take advantage of opportunities in front of them. West you can do play-by-play and commentary and sports talk show interested students.

c. Presentation by Natalie Reagan, Women's Volleyball Interim Head Coach

- x We always try to bridge the gap between athletics and academics for our players. Our student athletes' classes typically after 1pm, with limited conflicts that are taken care of by our administrative staff.

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- x Khue asked how Zayna has recovered from her injury. She is fine but we are in the 62 for now as she fully recovers. We could end up in 50on.
- x Chris recommended that anyone who has time should go to games.

d. Report from Tiffany Edlin, Senior Associate Director of Athletics

- x Bobby is traveling with men basketball so I will be stepping in for him today. I have 8 years under my belt at Beach I am in charge of things that touch the student athlete experience.
- x For the first time in 3(7)2018.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

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