Athletics Council’s Report for Faculty Senate  
September-November 2015

Summary

- Changes to Council’s constitution
  - A change to the constitution was approved restoring Faculty Senates representation to Athletics Council to two. David Mirkin and Susan Carrafiello will be their representatives.
  - A change to the constitution was approved allowing the Chair of the Council to appoint a replacement when the Immediate Past Chair position is vacated. The Council must approve the appointment by majority vote. Dr. Larry Prochaska was appointed and approved to replace Dr. Jeff John who retired.

- Council Subcommittees: after defining the responsibilities of each council subcommittee, the rosters for each committee were filled with volunteers.
  - Gender Equity: has met twice with the purpose of evolving a new Five Year Plan. They also toured athletics facilities December 2, 2015 looking for inequities.
  - Financial Oversight: evolved a plan to review finances beginning in 2016 when EADA report and audit information is available.
  - Academic Affairs: has not met.
  - Constitution and Bylaws: has not met.
  - Diverse Student Athlete Advocacy: met once after November Council meeting and outcome unknown.
  - Student Welfare: met once after November Council meeting and outcome unknown.
  - Steering: met three times to assemble agendas for Council meetings.
  - Ad hoc committees: there are no ad hoc committees at this time. The Pregame Seminar Committee was dissolved due to the lack of interest.

- SAAC reports
  - Student athletes put in many hours of volunteer activities. Recently, they have collectively focused on raising awareness of domestic violence. Will begin a concerted effort to support Alex’s Lemonade Stand that combats childhood cancer. Each team chooses additional volunteer activities.

- Speakers and Reports from the Athletics Department
  - AD Bob Grant provided several updates including:
    - Summary of his presentation to OBR
      - athletics budget ranks 11th in Ohio non-football athletics colleges and universities ($2.9M)
      - WSU athletes pay $1.3M tuition (only a small fraction of athletes receive athletic scholarships)
      - athletics brand provides university exposure equivalent to $20.5M in advertising cost.
    - Update on potential for new Tennis Complex
    - Update on WSU track program with unexpected resignation of coach
- Update on replacing Assistant AD Rod Perry who leaves for IUPUI AD position Jan. 4 2016
- Update on various activities reaching out to athletes, donors, and community
  - Assistant AD Rod Perry, newly appointed AD at IUPUI, provided a retrospective of WSU athletics
  - Susan Clements (volleyball coach) provided overview of volleyball, women athletes, and the new Cost of Attendance Policy implemented by WSU
  - Greg Lovelady (baseball coach) provided overview of baseball, historic run in NCAA tournament, team GPA, and upcoming fundraisers