

Committee on Athletics Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 Meeting #1 - Zoom

Present: Chris Karadjov, Corinne Garthoff, Milton Ordonez, Brenda Vogel, Jana Fogaca, Sandra Shirley, Michael Solt, Madeleine Liseblad, Sandra Adams, Cara Richards-Tudor, Samar Needham, Ted Kadowaki, Maga-Jui Marape

1. **Call to Order at 3:08 p.m.**
2. **Approval of minutes from May 18, 2022:** Minutes approved and seconded.
3. **Meeting agenda approved and seconded.**
4. **Election of COA officers 2022-23.**
 - a. **President – Chris Karadjov** nominated by Maddie Liseblad, seconded by Brenda Vogel.
 - b. **Vice chair – Maga-Jui Marape** self nominated, Chris Karadjov seconded.
 - c. **Secretary – Chris Karadjov** nominated **Maddie Liseblad**, Brenda Vogel seconded.

None of the elections were contested. Chris Karadjov will report to the senate that the committee has elected a chair, vice chair and secretary.

5. **Meeting dates**

Discussion re: proposal to move meetings from third Wednesday to fourth Wednesday of the month (helps with first meeting for the semester). Brenda Vogel made motion, Jana Fogaca seconded, propose changing the meetings to the 4th Wednesday of the month starting 2023-24 school year. Chris Karadjov will report to the senate.

6. **Report from Ted Kadowaki**, Interim Executive Director of Athletics

Re: Athletics - Ted Kadowaki discussed how athletics used to be like a division of the university reporting directly to the president but now it reports to administration & finance. CSULB has 19 sports (8 men's and 11 women's). Play in the Big West conference (5 CSU schools, 5 UC schools, plus University of Hawaii). CSULB has about 400 student-athletes (58% women, 42% men). Academic progress rate figures show CSULB as the only institution in the CSU system to meet or exceed academic requirements in every sport. CSULB has won the Big West Commissioner's Cup (success of teams within conference) 9 out of 12 years. Compete well at conferences and nationals. CSULB is a DI program but doesn't have football. DI means you have to offer a minimum amount of sports and scholarships. The Bickerstaff Academic Center works with athletes and make sure they progress academically. Ted appreciates the faculty's flexibility and understanding when student-athletes have to practice and compete.

Re: background – Retired 2 years ago from CSULB. Was here 31 years in administration and finance, involved in athletics. Worked full time in athletics for 6 years. Ted started Sept. 1 and agreed to come on for a year. A national search for an AD will start this fall or early spring, with the intent to have someone in place next summer. Athletics has budget and financial challenges, mainly because of the COVID pandemic. 50% of athletics is funded by the general fund allocation, but the department is expected

to generate the remaining 50% on their own via ticket sales, corporate sales etc. CSULB needs to be competitive with salaries and scholarships. Some expenses have commitments (scholarships, salaries etc). Sports can't be dropped.

General – Chris Karadjov asked if there was anything COA could do. The COA is a connecting link between athletics and the general campus community so we're open to helping in any way we can. Ted replied any revenue generating ideas are always welcomed.

7. Vote regarding meetings via Zoom or CBA204

Discussion regarding the meeting mode was opened. Some can't attend in person. Maga-Jui Marape suggested we maybe move to fully in-person in 2023. Michael Solt mentioned CBA204 can accommodate both in-person and Zoom. Chris Karadjov made a motion to start in-person with option of Zoom starting in October, Samar Needham seconded. Motion for mixed modality meetings carried, will be re-evaluated next semester (Yes – Maddie, Brenda, Samar; abstain – Jana, Cara, Sandra A; No – Maga-Jui).

8. Brief introductions

All members present introduced themselves, what departments they represented, and why there were interested in athletics.

- Chris Karadjov – Journalism, chaired COA last year, general interest in athletics.
- Corinne Garthoff – on campus 5 years, moved from College of Arts to athletics last year
- Samar Needham – psychology, full-time lecturer, former student-athlete.
- Maddie Liseblad – journalism, former student-athlete, worked in sports info office
- Jana Fogaca – kinesiology, former student athlete, husband is college coach
- Michael Solt – Dean, College of Business, always interested in sports, been on COA for years
- Maga-Jui Marape – student, senior, plays rugby for school (club sport)
- Brenda Vogel – Faculty Athletic rep for several years, liaison between athletics and academics
- Cara Richards-Tudor – College of Ed, sports family
- Milton Ordonez – associate VP for financial management, delegate for Scott Apel

9. Agenda items

Discussion raised by Ted Kadowaki re: how to add agenda items. Items should be sent to Chris Karadjov, Maddie Liseblad and Maga-Jui Marape. Sometimes speakers have to be set up way in advance and the COA has to work around that.

10. Adjournment: Meeting ended at 4:28. Next meeting is Oct. 19, 2022.

COA: <https://www.csulb.edu/academic-senate/committee-athletics-coa>

Recurring Zoom link: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/84550458692>

