

Committee on Athletics Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 19, 2021 Meeting #6 - Zoom

Present: Joseph Aubele, Sandra Shirley, Melanie Batiste, Brenda Vogel, Portia Resnick, Lu Zhu, Tracey Richardson, Kimberly Farrell, Michael Solt, Chris Karadjov, Ulices Pina, John Hamilton.

- I. **Call to Order 3:06**
- II. **Approval of the Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from 4/21/2021**
- IV. **Reports - Ashlie Kite, Senior Associate Athletics Director and SWA**
 - **Athletic Department Update** - Spring sports continued with outstanding performances in: Men's Golf finishing tied for 11th, titles of Coach of the Year, Freshman of the Year and Golfer of the Year; Women's Softball won Big West conference title and is headed to the NCAA tournament; Women's Track competed in the Big West championship with individuals qualifying for NCAA nationals; Baseball has nearly completed the season with two series remaining. Staff is preparing for a full fall sport schedule with ongoing covid 19 testing and safety protocols. Requirements for the vaccine are uncertain. Kimberly Farrell voiced concerns about whether student athletes should be required to take the vaccine.
 - **Title IX** – June 22, 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of Title IX. The law requires that schools treat the sexes equitably with regard to participation opportunities, athletic scholarships, and the benefits and services provided to male and female teams. Title IX expanded the levels of participation, financial aid, and other benefits around the general treatment of female student athletes. Ashlie stressed that we apply “Equitable lens versus Equal lens”. Cindy Masner pioneered many changes and we have recently updated the women's locker room for water sports and began live streaming equally for men's and women's sports. A self-assessment shows we are in compliance with current title IX requirements. Ashlie suggested that she provide an update next spring.
 - **Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR)** – *Added to the minutes for context: The NCAA currently has a sliding scale of high school GPAs and SAT/ACT scores in place, and a student-athlete must fall somewhere on the scale to be admitted to an institution. However, the NCAA had previously not had a mechanism in place to track student-athlete academic progress while they were enrolled. In 2004, the NCAA introduced the academic progress rate (APR) to track the progress of student-athletes, and a score is assigned to each individual team. Successful teams with high APR scores are publicly commended, but those with low APR scores face potential penalties. The NCAA measures graduation success rates (GSR) by the number of athletes who graduate from the school within six years of entering, or 150% of the normal time to completion. The rates vary drastically by sport and coach and range from 100% to 50% or even lower.*

Ashlie reported CSULB's scores as exceeding the NCAA base requirements as it relates to academic progress and graduation rates per the attached presentation.

V. For the Good of the Cause:

Next meeting will be September 15th (3rd Wends). The Academic Senate Office should distribute the committee roster prior to the next meeting.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 4:10

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