

## Committee on Athletics Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 Meeting #5 – Zoom

**Present:** Joseph Aubele, Arline Walter, Sandra Shirley, Melanie Batiste, Brenda Vogel, Portia Resnick, Lu Zhu, Tracey Richardson, Kimberly Farrell, Michael Solt, Brian Coriaty, Tiffanye Vargas.

- I. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm
- II. Minutes from March 18, 2021 were approved
- III. Received Presentations from:

### **A. Special Admissions Process: Brenda Vogel**

Testing of athletes has exceeded 2000, with only one positive case. Andy recognized the sacrifice of athletes, coaches and support staff in maintaining a healthy and safe environment. Coaches and staff have received the vaccines, while timing for athletes to receive vaccines aligns with the general student body. Spring sports competition is underway and fall sports are now practicing however, they are only participating in non-championship segments. Fans are currently not allowed at spring sporting events. There is a lot going on in the athletic department in addition to absorbing the activities of two open positions.

### **B. Academic Advising and Support: Bickerstaff Academic Center for Student Athletes**

- Sandra Shirley, Director of Academic Advising
- Tamika Spivey, Director of Academic Support Services
- Loren Edwards, Assistant Director Support Services

The team shared many services provided to student athletes upon admission to CSULB. The Academic Advisory Support Office was mandated by NCAA to insure ongoing student support. Services include: Perspective Student Advising, SOAR/Student-Athlete Orientation, Academic Advising, Academic Support, Freshman Transition Program, and an Academic Skills Workshop. Last year, the team served 383 students providing 15,000 touchpoints. Similar to other campus activities, these services were provided in a remote format. The spring 20 cumulative GPA was 3.14 with a 91% graduation success rate.

IV. Good of the Cause: Dean Solt expressed his appreciation to BAC for their support in a recent situation involving a recruit.

V. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50

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