University Athletics Board
Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 9:00-11:00am
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Cathy Koshland, Christina Maslach, John Wilton, Sandy Barbour, Bob Jacobsen, Scott Biddy, Richard Rhodes, Derek Van Rheenen, Teresa Kuehn Gould, William Lester, Barry Baskin, Alex Bell, Erin Gore, Cathy Beemer, Evan Williams, Ann Jeffrey, Laura Hazlett (via conference call), Josh Alley

Budget Report

Preliminary budget for 2012-13: Laura Hazlett, Associate Athletic Director and CFO, reviewed the FY13 financial projection of the Intercollegiate Athletic Department as well as expectations for FY14. Although revenues from ticket sales and contributions were under projection due to scheduling and football team record, these figures are projected to improve in FY14 under the new coaching staff. Sponsorships, which were also under projection, are also expected to improve in FY14. NCAA and Pacific 12 Conference distributions are expected to end on target. Revenues from sports camps are expected to end slightly below projection. The operating costs for sports camps are expected to decrease in FY14 as a new pilot program will be implemented. On the expense side, although coach’s compensation, team travel and game expenses were over budget, overall operating expenses for FY13 were under budget. Coach’s compensation was over budget due to the costs of replacing the head football coach. Travel came in over budget due to the women’s basketball team’s participation in the Final Four. Game expenses were budgeted too low for FY 13 due to 2011-12 football games at AT&T. Game expenses will be accurately adjusted for FY14. Overall, the FY13 financial projection is expected to be in the black by $1.6 million. Action Item: In future budget reports, revenues will be reported as “received” not “spent”. In addition, an alternate version of the IA budget report will list “unearned revenue” (institutional support) separate from operating expenses for faculty viewing purposes. UAB faculty members will serve as a faculty sub-group of UAB to communicate budget projections to faculty.

Pool maintenance: Christina Maslach, Chair of the Academic Senate, reported that plans for a privately funded $15 million pool facility project have been approved. Once completed, an annual maintenance cost of $200,000 will be included in operational expenses. Sandy Barbour, Athletic Director, added that an analysis on internal vs. external pool maintenance costs are currently underway.

Development report: John Wilton, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance reported that IA Development is making great progress and increased partnership with University Relations is bringing great success. Corporate and group sales are going well. Increased revenue through Pacific-12 Conference contractual agreements are expected in FY15. A detailed report on the new facility financial model in comparison to actuals will be published in January, 2014.

Student Related Issues

Admission update: Richard Rhodes, Assistant Dean, College of Letters and Science, reported that 250 student-athletes have been admitted for the Fall, 2013 semester. Admission categories are as follows: Red-7, Blue – 30, Gold (freshman) – 198, Gold (Transfers) – 15. Dean Rhodes added that there is a
common misunderstanding regarding the term “Admission by Exception”. Anyone admitted under the gold category is not considered “Admission by Exception”. Of the Fall, 2013 admits, only 37 were classified as “Admission by Exception” and for at least half of these, the exception is not academic qualifications, but technical admission issues. Moreover, roughly 185 general student Fall, 2013 admits were classified as “Admission by Exception”.

**Compliance issues/structures and rules violations:** Bob Jacobsen, Faculty Athletics Representative, presented the current compliance report. (LINK TO COMPLIANCE REPORT HERE).

**Change to Physical Education Grading:** Bob Jacobsen, Faculty Athletics Representative, reported that grades for intercollegiate –athletics PE classes will shift from letter grades to P/NP in Fall 2013. (PIECES OF BOB’S PE GRADING REPORT HERE) There was discussion about whether the policy that allows letter grades for athletic activity to be earned by the general student body but student-athletes not being allowed to earn letter grades for activity in their respective sports is internally consistent.

**Action Item:** UAB is aware of this inconsistency and recommends readdressing this issue with responsible Academic Senate committees in Fall 2013.

**NCAA Academic Performance Program:** Bob Jacobsen, Faculty Athletics Representative, provided the NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Academic Progress Rate (APR) numbers. The GSR is calculated and submitted to the NCAA each spring. They are subsequently published by the NCAA the following October. The APR is calculated and submitted to the NCAA each fall and is published by the NCAA in early June. (Attach link to handouts and most recent official APR and GSR numbers here)

**Academic Performance:** Derek Van Rheenen, Director of the Athletic Study Center, presented the Fall 2012 Student Athlete Performance Summary. The Academic Improvement Plan for the football department that was reviewed at the previous UAB meeting appears to be having a positive impact on the team’s academic progress. (attach link to report).

**Title IX and Climate Issues**

**Recommendation on Varsity Sponsorship of Sand Volleyball:** Teresa Kuehn Gould, Deputy Athletic Director, reported that a petition to elevate the sport of Women’s Sand Volleyball to the varsity level was presented to the Gender Equity and Diversity Subcommittee (GEDS) for review against the established criteria. Once reviewed, the GEDS voted to recommend to the UAB, and subsequently the Chancellor, that Women’s Sand Volleyball be added as a varsity intercollegiate sport effective for the 2013-14 academic year. (Recommendation attached). UAB approved to escalate the petition to the Chancellor.

**Action Item:** Forward petition to the Chancellor.