

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee (FS-IA)

October 30, 2012

Minutes and Notes from the Committee's October 10th Meeting held in Hubbard Dining, Z-6.
(11:30am call to order)

Attending Members were: Durham, Heidorn, Samples, Tabit, Anderson, Dickey, and Morris, Chr.

Attending Guests were: Bill Estes, David Haase, Alex Udin and Jeff Johnson

The Committee met, discussed and acted on the following items:

1. A summary of the Feasibility Study being conducted at UWG was led by VP Estes. He updated the committee concerning the current status of the study, expected completion date and potential results. The committees ask a number of questions about the study and its possible effects on the University and the possibility leaving the Gulf South Conference and moving to NCAA Division I and a new conference.

Information about specific conferences that might be appropriate for UWG to affiliate with, as well as financial obligations the university would have upon moving to Division I were all topics of discussion.

The committee and guests concluded their discussion with a recommendation that the University include athletics in the new vision and mission statements currently being developed by the university. The committee feels that the athletic program at UWG adds to the concept of what a destination institution" is all about.

2. The committee had an open discussion concerning missed classes and missing exams by athletes while attending approved athletic events.

The current statement about "Class Absences" found in the *Undergraduate Academic Catalogue* was reviewed, as well as the statement in the *Catalogue* concerning "Examinations". The committee with the help of David Haase (athletic advisor at UWG) discussed the problems and issues athletes are currently having with instructors when classes and tests are missed.

The committee voted to develop a new statement of policy regarding student absences from classes and examinations that would give more depth and meaning to the current statement. Anderson noted the first challenge, or at least a beginning point, will be to define exactly what is a "University Sponsored Activity or Event". Morris with the help of a smaller committee will develop a working document to begin discussions on-line and at a future meeting.

The Meeting was called at 12:45pm

