

**Intercollegiate Athletics and University Advancement
A Standing Committee of the UWG Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes for 11/7/2017 3:30-4:30 pm
Education Annex Room 120**

In attendance: Ashley Smallwood (Chair, Sen. COSS), Amber Smallwood (Rep. COSS), M. Council (Admin, AA), C. Brown (Rep. THSSON), A. Barnhart (Rep. Library), K. Chulmin (Rep. COSM), M. Hopper (Rep. RCOB), B. Morris (Admin, NCAA Faculty Rep), D. Fraboni (Admin, UA), M. Gantner (Admin, AA), D. Dickey, (Athletic Director), D. Haase (Assistant Athletic Director)

Call to order at 3:30 pm

Approval of the minutes from October 19, 2017

University Advancement Information Sharing (D. Fraboni)

Update on new gifts, pledges, donor trends, marketing strategies, seeking reciprocity for students from Alabama. Update on alumni meeting and upcoming game. Keeping an eye on the upcoming tax changes.

Intercollegiate Athletics Agenda Item: Revisit the statement on students missing classes for participation in athletic events:

David Haase the Assistant Athletic Director discussed measures to increase student-faculty communication related to sports schedules. It is the student's responsibility to communicate with the professor during the first week of classes. The travel roster changes, as not all students on the teams travel-schedule distributed as soon as possible to faculty. Students advised to check course syllabus for attendance policy and discuss class/assignment make-up with faculty. Coaches do not have enough manpower to conduct class checks; however, coaches discuss importance of attending class with student athletes.

Grades First student progress report checked by Assistant Athletic Director before drop/add. Approximately 10 students per year affected by inability to make up assignments/penalty for missed days to attend scheduled university athletic events. Other students may be affected that engage in other university-sponsored events (band, drama, etc.).

Committee discussion: In our current policy, faculty have the final word regarding attendance/make up assignments. Does it matter how many students are effected or is just one student too many? Need an equitable policy for all students.

Agenda Item: New information regarding other universities' policies. Amber Smallwood and Bob Morris reviewed the policies of other schools in the southeastern conference. A handout with policies from three other comparable universities was shared with the committee.

Discussion regarding possibility of coaches "benching" student athletes related to academic performance. Currently benching varies between coaches.

M. Gantner discussed the university procedure required to change policy, including evidence of need. Bob Morris will work on a slight change to update our current policy and will email to the committee prior to the December meeting.

New Business: none

Next meeting scheduled for December 1, 2017 at 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm in the Ed Annex room 120

Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm