

## **Faculty Athletic Committee**

### **Minutes**

September 21, 2023

Via Zoom - 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

1. Roll call

Present: Shana Halalilo (Co-Athletic Director), Jim Deisler (Co-Athletic Director), Dr. Melanie Zollner (Business), Dr. Seonsook Park (Education), Dr. Erika Derkas (Sociology), Dr. Benjamin Bencomo (Social Work). Absent: Dr. William Hayward (FAR).

2. Meeting called to order at 8:04 AM

3. Approval of the Agenda, motion made by Dr. Bencomo, second by Dr. Derkas.

4. Approval of Minutes for 5.4.2023, motion made by Dr. Bencomo, second by Dr. Derkas. Motion passed with 3 in favor, Dr. Derkas, Dr. Bencomo, Dr. Zollner and 1 abstention by Dr. Park who is new to the Faculty Athletic Committee.

5. Introductions by all present at the meeting.

6. Executive Position Elections.

- Dr. Bencomo self-nominated himself to the Chair position. Motion passed and carried.

All in favor. Absent at time of vote, Dr. Hayward (FAR). Dr. Bencomo was elected Chair.

- Dr. Bencomo nominated Dr. Zollner to the Secretary position. Motion passed and carried.

All in favor. Absent at time of vote, Dr. Hayward (FAR). Dr. Zollner was elected Secretary.

7. Jim Deisler – Co-Athletic Director’s report –

- Jim provided information about the 5 sports currently in season: Football, Soccer, Cross Country (men and women), and Volleyball.

- Cross Country men broke into National Rankings. Student Athlete Andrew Amor broke the record.

- The Lovato sisters are doing well.

- In three weeks, Basketball (men and women) will start practices.

Shanna Halalilo Co-Athletic Director’s report –

- Shanna shared information about the Athletic Department’s goal, student athletes must maintain a 3.0 GPA. The goal was reached in the spring. Student athletes have demonstrated academic progress throughout the years. The Athletic Department will keep its 3.0 GPA goal for student athletes this year.

- The Athletic Department hopes Cross Country can compete for titles this year. The goal is for other additional teams to reach RMAC ranks.
- Community Service goal for student athletes: all student athletes must complete 10 hours of volunteer work a year. The Athletic Department has a total of 280 student athletes this semester. The goal for the Athletic Department is to reach 3000 hours of volunteer work in the year.
- Last week student athletes provided volunteer community hours in Mora.
- The Athletic Department would like to establish an appreciation night for faculty. The idea is for student athletes to recognize faculty members.
- Shannon will email game passes to faculty. A list with faculty names will be added for special events.
- Next week: Homecoming games, football and volleyball.
- Dr. Bencomo suggested highlighting academic and community service activities by student athletes on HU news.

8. New Business – Email from Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Fath:

- “Motion made and seconded to charge the Athletic Committee to submit a report on their 2022-2023 activities based on the committee’s responsibilities as detailed in the Faculty Handbook to the Faculty Senate by October 31, 2023. This report should include any problems encountered while trying to fulfil these responsibilities last year. Motion passed with 15 in favor, 0 to oppose, and 0 to abstain.”

The committee went over each item listed on the Faculty Handbook that concerned the Faculty Athletic Committee. Dr. Bencomo will provide email correspondence to the group from past Athletic Director Andrew Ehling. Dr. Zollner will provide email correspondence with President Minner and Faculty Athletic Committee correspondence to the group. This will be included under membership in the report.

The Faculty Athletic Committee went over each item listed under duties and responsibilities. Dr. Zollner took note and will write a draft of the report to be shared at the next meeting, October 5, 2023.

Shanna Halalilo will provide information about athletic programs prior to next meeting to include in the report.

Jim Deisler will provide verbatim from NCAA on information academic information needed from student athletes to properly conduct business and be able to determine eligibility status on graduation and progress toward degree.

- “This charge comes in addition to the charges already laid out in the Faculty Handbook, which the Committee is expected to carry out annually.”

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The Faculty Athletic Committee went over the Faculty Handbook. A report will be written for AY 2022 – 2023.

9. Old Business

- FERPA and Legitimate Educational Interest – tabled until next meeting.

10. Next meeting date and plan: October 5 and November 2 at 8 Am. Dr. Bencomo will create a new Zoom link for meetings.

11. Other: Dr. Zollner asked Dr. Bencomo to notify faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Fath and Faculty Senate Secretary, Dr Lindline, of Executive elections and change in position for AY 2023 – 2024. Dr. Bencomo will send an email as requested.

Dr. Zollner will send copies of AY 2022 – 2023 agendas and minutes to Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Fath and Faculty Senate Secretary, Dr Lindline via email. Dr. Zollner will Cc the Faculty Athletic Committee members.

12. Adjournment, motion made by Dr. Derkas, second by Dr. Zollner. Time 9:08 AM.