

## **Faculty Athletic Committee**

### **Minutes**

October 5, 2023

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

1. Roll call

Present: Shana Halalilo (Co-Athletic Director), Jim Deisler (Co-Athletic Director), Cody Cole

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 8:07 AM

3. Approval of the Agenda, motion made by Dr. Zollner, second by Dr. Derkas. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for 9.21.2023, motion made by Dr. Derkas, second by Dr. Zollner. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Shanna Halalilo Co-Athletic Director's report – External Report

- Club Banquet – Presentation of Hall of Famers. Good attendance.
- Golf Tournament – Run by Nicole Bulham. Tournament took place the Friday of Homecoming. Fifteen teams participated in the event.
- Coming up events on October – For “Meet the Teams,” the Basketball Team will be presented and do a Dunk competition and other fun games to engage the audience. The event will be held at the gym on October 13 at 6 PM.

6. Jim Deisler – Co-Athletic Director's report – Internal Report

- Homecoming week, was a busy week.
- On Sunday after Homecoming week, Shana and Jim went to Salt Lake City for a Conference meeting Monday and Tuesday. Things discussed at the Conference meeting, scheduling changes for soccer and basketball. Currently, the Basketball team plays on Friday and Saturday nights. A more athlete-friendly model was presented, athletes will have a day off between games, a Thursday - Saturday schedule. This means students athletes might miss more classes depending on when the game is scheduled. The Soccer team will go to a Thursday – Sunday schedule. There were motions on the table for two schools in California to join the Conference, motion did not carry. Schools that have interest in joining the Conference are usually from Montana or North Dakota.
- Two Soccer team home games this weekend, one on Friday and one on Sunday.

- The Football team will have games the next two weeks. Leaving for South Dakota this afternoon.
- The Volleyball team is on the road for a game on Saturday.
- The Basketball team starts practice this week and the Wrestling team next week.

We had a discussion on scheduling. The group had an interesting conversation, but realized this is beyond the responsibilities of the committee. Suggestions were made to allow student athletes to join Zoom sessions or classes virtually when they are traveling for games. A suggestion was made for more Hybrid courses. We were all reminded of faculty academic freedom. The Provost's Office sends global emails with athletes travel information. Receiving the information on all travel for the different athletic teams at the beginning of the semester could be helpful. There was a question about developing an Athlete Handbook. Currently all students must follow the Student Handbook.

7. Cody Cole – Introduction

- Cody's role ...

8. New Business – none

9. Old Business – Email from Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Fath:

- Charge by Faculty Senate to prepare and submit a report on activities and any problems for AY 2022 - 2023.

Dr. Zollner presented a draft of the Faculty Athletic Committee report. The committee went over the report.

Dr. Derkas made a motion to approve the Faculty Athletic Committee report. The motion was second by Dr. Park. All in favor, motion carried.

- Dr. Bencomo asked if we would like to invite Dr. Gonzales-Walker and Dr. Henrietta Romero to our next meeting to follow up on Legitimate Interest.

10. Next meeting date and plan: November 2 at 8 AM at Stu Clark.

11. Other: Moving forward, Cody Cole will be invited to attend the Faculty Athletic Committee meetings.

12. Adjournment, motion made by Dr. Derkas, second by Dr. Zollner. Time 8:59 AM.