

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS COMMITTEE ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS MEETING

AUGUST 4, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair William Haning called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at the University of Hawai'i (UH) at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2520 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822, with regents participating from various locations.

Committee members in attendance: Chair William Haning; Vice-Chair Laurie Tochiki; Regent Eugene Bal; and Regent Ernest Wilson.

Committee members excused: Regent Kelli Acopan.

Others in attendance: Board Chair Randy Moore; Regent Alapaki Nahale-a; Regent Diane Paloma (ex officio committee members); President David Lassner; Vice President (VP) for Administration Jan Gouveia; VP for Academic Strategy Debora Halbert; VP for Community Colleges Erika Lacro; VP for Legal Affairs/University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; VP for Research and Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; UH Mānoa (UHM) Provost Michael Bruno; UH Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Bonnie Irwin; Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents (Board Secretary) Kendra Oishi; and others as noted.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Haning inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June 2, 2022, committee meeting which had been distributed. Hearing none, the minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Board Secretary Oishi announced that the Board Office did not receive any written testimony, and that no individuals signed up to provide oral testimony. She also explained that, in accordance with new statutory requirements, public testimony would be accepted during the meeting should an individual sign-up to provide testimony on a specific agenda item.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Coaches Corner: David Kaneshiro, UHH Women's Basketball Head Coach

UHH Athletic Director (AD) Patrick Guillen introduced David Kaneshiro by providing an overview of his 12-year head coaching career with the women's basketball team and highlighting several of his most recent accomplishments including being named Pacific West Conference (PacWest) Coach of the Year. He also noted that, under Coach

Kaneshiro's leadership, the team was awarded academic team honor roll status from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association in July.

Coach Kaneshiro expressed his appreciation for the support the women's basketball team and UHH Athletics has received from the community, the board, and the entire UH athletics' 'ohana, stating that this backing has been instrumental to the team's success both on and off the court. He spoke about some of the team's accomplishments over the past year, such as maintaining a team grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 and qualifying for the PacWest championship tournament; highlighted a few of the awards and honors that were bestowed upon individual team members; noted the large number of local athletes on the team; and touched upon the anticipation and excitement that is building throughout the Hawai'i Island community about the first annual Big Island Basketball Classic which is being hosted by UHH this coming fall and will feature 22 men's and women's basketball teams from across the country. Although proud of their academic and athletic accomplishments last season, he stated that the coaches and players believe that they can do better and are committed to putting in the effort to improving upon their past successes.

Regents commended Coach Kaneshiro, as well as the UHH women's basketball team, for their character, efforts, work ethic, and successes.

B. Health and Safety Matters – Mental Health

AD Guillen stated that ensuring the mental well-being of student-athletes is one of the highest priorities for UHH Athletics. He reviewed some of the mental health services that were available at UHH; talked about several proactive and preventative actions being taken to address mental health issues among student-athletes, such as concurrently conducting mental health screening with pre-participation physicals; noted mental health treatment resources available to student-athletes including counseling; and emphasized efforts being undertaken to cultivate a culture among student-athletes, coaches, and staff that promotes mental health care awareness and reduces the stigma associated with obtaining mental health assistance.

Referencing the counseling services afforded to student-athletes, Vice-Chair Tochiki asked about the ratio of student-athletes to counseling staff. AD Guillen explained that counseling services within the student health and wellness program provides in-house mental health assistance and counseling to all UHH students, including student-athletes. It was his understanding that there are currently four mental health counselors and that this number was sufficient to meet UHH's present mental health needs.

Jonathan Sladky, M.D., UHM's team physician, stated that UHM Athletics continues to stress the importance of ensuring the mental well-being of student-athletes and has undertaken several initiatives over the past three years to address this issue including the hiring of a mental health specialist specifically dedicated to the mental healthcare of student-athletes. He noted efforts by UHM Athletics to increase mental health awareness among student-athletes, coaches, and staff, and highlighted proactive, reactive, and preventative measures that are being taken to make sure that the mental health needs of student-athletes are met.

Vice-Chair Tochiki questioned whether the web-based mental health platform used to provide access to a licensed psychologist or other mental health expert involved face-to-face, real-time interaction. Dr. Sladky replied that UHM Athletics no longer uses the TalkSpace platform as these services can now be provided through the two mental health specialists recently hired by UHM. However, when TalkSpace was used, it did involve direct interactions with a licensed psychologist.

Chair Haning inquired about the opportunities for a student-athlete to provide feedback on the receipt of mental health services in instances where these services are provided by third-parties that are not affiliated with UHM Athletics. Dr. Sladky stated that all referrals for mental health services are routed through himself or another team physician and follow-up is generally conducted via this pathway. Student-athletes are also made aware of and given various options to obtain in-house or outside mental health services that will best fit their needs.

C. Academic Progress Report

Regent Nahale-a left at 10:35 a.m.

AD Guillen reported on the academic performance of UHH student-athletes for the 2021-2022 academic year highlighting several record-breaking achievements in addition to numerous earned honors and awards. He also presented a historical perspective of GPAs, as well as information on academic success rates, overall student-athlete retention rates, and graduation rates, all of which was broken down by sport.

As part of UHH's academic progress report, AD Guillen spotlighted the on-and-off-field accomplishments of Jodi Lillie, the UHH senior women's soccer standout who spoke to the committee in April, stating that she continues to receive recognition and has been selected as the PacWest's nominee for the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Woman of the Year Award. He underscored that this is the third year in a row that a female student-athlete from UHH has been selected as the conference nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year and is a source of pride for the entire UHH campus community.

AD Matlin provided a synopsis of the academic performance rate (APR) for UHM Athletics, which has shown significant improvement since 2004; highlighted several academic successes; and noted several, recently attained individual and team academic honors and awards. He also spoke about the impacts of new transfer rules on retention rates, which can affect an institution's APR; remarked that the NCAA is currently reviewing possible adjustments to the method by which an APR is calculated; stated that 113 student-athletes graduated this past academic year and that, on average, student-athletes obtain their degrees within four years, which are key indicators of academic success; and commended the efforts and hard work of the student-athletes, the academic support staff, and the academic services staff at the Nagatani Academic Center to which much of the academic success can be attributed.

Regent Wilson arrived at 10:52 a.m.

D. Update on Mānoa Athletics Title IX 50th Anniversary Activities

Lois Manin, Associate Athletic Director (AAD) and Senior Women's Administrator, noted that events celebrating the 50th anniversary of Title IX will be held throughout the world of intercollegiate athletics over the course of the year. In addition to honoring Title IX, UHM Athletics will also be recognizing the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Wahine Athletics. Details were provided on several festivities being coordinated by UHM Athletics to commemorate both of these historic milestones including dinners, fundraisers, workshops, sports camps, and community activities.

E. Committee Work Plan

Chair Haning referenced the Committee Work Plan (Work Plan) noting that it would be used as an outline of the work to be performed by the committee during the coming year. He stated that it was a living document that may be modified as needed and asked committee members if they had any questions or comments about the Work Plan. None were raised.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Haning adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kendra T. Oishi
Executive Administrator and Secretary
of the Board of Regents