UHM Committee On Athletics 9/5/2012

Attending: Martha Crosby; Ashley Stokes; Peter Nicolson (FAR), Ian Pagano (MFS Laison), Raymond Panko, Linda Cox, Kari Ambrozich, Garrett Clanin, Jennifer Matsuda
Not present: Richard Nettell and Williamson Chang

Introductions of all members

Discussed:
1) Student attendance at games has increased and the student athletes have been happy to see more students to attend.
2) Things that the COA does each year:
   a. Selection of committee leadership:
      i. Chair – Ashley Stokes
      ii. Vice-chair – Jennifer Matsuda/Martha Crosby
      iii. Secretary – Linda Cox
      iv. AAB – Athletics Advisory Board – Raymond Panko
      v. Gender Equity Committee – Ashley Stokes
   b. SAC – Student Athletic Committee – meet once a year
      i. They meet tonight so Peter is going to ask them which month would be good for us to attend to have open discussion with them.
   c. Status of student athletic fee and use of these fees.
   d. Have Athletic Director come to one of our COA meetings (fall) and to a MFS meeting (spring).
   e. Discussion about the need or not for our participation in the annual meetings of COIA. This meeting is in January of each year. Looks like academic oversight of athletics will be the topic for 2013. Committee discussed that this would be a valuable topic for us to participate in.
3) Review student athlete major selection survey and academic stats
   a. Change in required hours to graduate had been a problem for a number of student athletes, esp transfer students. Peter reported that findings of the survey he conducted shows that students were generally happy with their majors. He will go over the results of the survey.
4) Football team still had no internet service this year for the first away game. We will revisit this issue.
5) Will the Senate take a position on the Stevie Wonder issue? This has been brought up multiple times to the Senate and we discussed that it is not a COA issue but rather an administrative issue.
6) Revisited the language in the catalog about faculty not penalizing students for university-sponsored activities. p 566 in 2010-2011 catalog “Excused Student Absences for Official University-Sponsored Events”. Need to remind faculty.

Next meetings: First Wed of the month 3:00 pm Hemingway Hall Room 204
(spring we will move back to Hawaii Hall)
Executive Committee / MFS Committee Chairs Retreat Sept. 12 2-4 pm
Sept 26 1-5 pm meeting for Chairs