UHM Faculty Senate Committee on Athletics 2/6/13

Attending:
Kari Ambrozich    Williamson Chang    Garrett Clanin
Martha Crosby     Richard Nettell    Ian Pagano
Ashley Stokes     Peter Nicholson

Not present:
Raymond Panko (excused)    Linda Cox (excused)
Jennifer Matsuda (excused)

Minutes were distributed from the 1/2/2013 meeting.

Athletic Director attended our meeting for discussions with us.
- Student Academic Services does not know who the new students are coming in and what their academic needs are which makes it difficult for them to meet the students’ needs.
- Academics standards should be stressed from the coach’s level as well as from Academic Services. Consideration of a ‘zero-F’ goal should be considered.
- Discussed how short-staffed the AD office is and that he will have to be stringent to following policy and honesty because there is no room for that in our Athletics program.
- Role of Athletic Advisory Board in Athletics should be more formalized.
- Martha reported on her trip to the COIA meeting and that Hawaii is quite unique in its arrangement with having both the AAB and a Faculty Senate Committee on Athletics. She also commented on policies regarding clearance of athletes to return to practice/games after an injury.
- There is a need to communicate with faculty regarding UH Athletics so faculty can understand how UH Athletics works and also to accommodate the needs of the student-athletes.
- Need to ensure that student-athletes have access to course materials while on the road (i.e. internet access, computer access).
- Continuing issue is the absence of students from class for travel. Men’s golf is an example of having extensive absences. UH Manoa might also look more at when we offer classes (other than 10am-2pm) so our student-athletes have more options. Should there be a policy of the maximum number of classes that students should be allowed to miss?
- Will work with his office to schedule him to attend a MFS meeting this Spring.