UHM Faculty Senate Committee on Athletics 3/6/2013

Attending: Martha Crosby, Linda Cox, Raymond Panko, Jennifer Matsuda, Peter Nichlson, Garret Clanin, Kari Ambrozich, Bill Chang, Ashley Stokes, Richard Nettell, Ian Pagano

Guests: Stacy Price, Director of Student Athletic Affairs and Ryan Yamaguchi, Assistant Director of Admissions

Minutes from the 1/2/2013 and 2/6/2013 meetings were approved.

Ryan Yamaguchi provided a thorough overview of the admissions process, including the appeal process. He highlighted all the procedures in place to insure that student athletes were treated exactly the same as all other applicants.

Stacy Price explained her role in the process, which involves assisting student athletes during the application process. She stressed that it was not possible for her to change the process to favor student athletes because she is not involved in the admission decision process.

Both Stacy and Ryan did point out that during the appeal process, athletes did have access to more assistance and were able to obtain letters of support from UH coaches that other students would not. The committee concluded that this is not a concern for the group.

Some discussion took place about what type of data was available to track athletes admitted after engaging in the appeal process. This type of tracking is not possible now.

Some discussion took place about the use of class rank as a factor in the guaranteed admission process. Many were not aware of that this factor is used. At the same time, this factor is important is necessary only for guaranteed admission.

The committee discussed the need to educate faculty about the fact that student athletes are treated like all other students during the admissions process.