COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: 3/11/2014
LOCATION: Hawai‘i Hall 208
ATTENDANCE: [P = Present; A = Absent; E = Excused]

MEMBERS
ASAHINA, Audrey P
CHANG, Williamson P
HWANG, Hyunjuo P
MATSUDA, Jennifer P

MEMBERS
MATSUI, Sandy P
NICHOLSON, Peter P
WELLS, Jenny P
WESTFALL-SENDA, Mandy E

GUESTS
WITHY, Kelley P
ZAKESKI, Halina P
Watts, Margit E
Bontekoe, Ron

TIME
3-4pm

SUBJECT
DISCUSSION / INFORMATION
CALL TO ORDER
At 3:00 pm
MINUTES
February minutes approved (7 approve, 0 against)
AGENDA and DISCUSSION
Guest: Ron Bontekoe (Vice chair of MFS)

1. Discussion about FAR search
   - Kristin’s communication: position description revision approved, composition of search
     committee (5 – 2 from SEC, 2 from COA, 1 from CAPP), chancellor asked for 2-3
     recommendations, move the search process ASAP
   - Information about FAR position: Official start date of FAR (Jan 1, 2015) - Sooner the better
     and begin the transition from Peter is desirable, ½ time job, ½ salary comes from chancellor’s
     office
   - Motion1(unanimously passed) - FAR application requirement: applicants should be a tenured
     faculty member, application deadline is April 7th
   - Position open announcement: initially to UH professors to direct them to Work at UH and
     Work at UH will have the job posting
   - Volunteers for FAR search committee: Kelly (recommended and agreed), Jenny Wells
     (volunteered, endorsed).
   - Halina possibly serving as a 5th member of FAR search committee – Ron will talk to SEC and
     let COA know.

2. Discussion about questions to Ben Jay, the new director of Athletics at the University of Hawai‘i Mānoa
   1) Where do you see the Athletic Program ten years from now?
   2) How do you see protecting the academic and “student” interests of our student athletes?
   3) What plans do you have, for making the Athletic Program financially self-sufficient?
   4) What plans are there to incorporate health and safety concerns [such as to concussions, and
      sufficient availability of trainers] within the overall strategic plans of the Athletic Program?
3. Kelly’s report of COIA meeting
   - Informative, important to participate continuously
   - Importance of faculty involvement emphasized
   - NCAA has hired consultant firm to advise them on getting more participant representation on NCAA board. They will probably include 2 faculty and 1 student representative. It will probably be 2 FARs, but COIA would like it to be a faculty senate rep.
   - NCAA: Big 5 conferences want autonomy so they can pay students more. They will probably get some autonomy but won't leave NCAA.
   - Information about concussion: varies by case and method of impact/force, we really don't know enough so large scale research has begun, communication with professors is important because there are many barriers to return to class, mental health issues deserve more attention. More on concussions next month.
   - A website is available to make various comparisons regarding finances of athletic programs
   Knight Commission
   Kelly also showed survey results and pointed out the UHM’s lack of education about concussion for coaches, students, and other stakeholders as well as lack of electronic health record is concerning.

ADJOURN 4:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by Joyce Hwang
Approved on May 6th, 2014 with 6 votes in favor of approval and 0 against.