



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (DR. HADLEY)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (ANDERSON)
- III. DISCUSSION OF MEN'S TRACK TEAM (DR. HADLEY)
- IV. POLICY ON ADDING AND CURTAILING SPORTS – BIG TEN
DISCUSSION (DR. HADLEY)

I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Freeh Report. Nick Hadley informed the group that he, Linda Clement and Terry Roach had conducted a comprehensive review of the Freeh Report. They determined that of the recommendations listed that the University either already follows them or they do not apply due to the way the University is organized.
- B. Academic Reviews. Nick Hadley shared that the academic reviews, as mandated by the council charter, were conducted for women's tennis and baseball. It was noted that all those involved with both programs are committed to the academic success of the student-athletes but the department is closely monitoring the APR for baseball due to the coaching change. More details will be provided at the February meeting of the Council.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Competitive update. Kevin Anderson gave a fall wrap up and winter sports update, noting that men's soccer, women's soccer and field hockey advanced to the NCAA Championship. The department is 11th in the Director's Cup after the fall.

III. Men's Track & Field

Athletic Director Kevin Anderson recommended a one year continuation of the Men's Track & Field program as a varsity sport for the 2013-14 academic year while the President's Commission reviews a possible permanent reinstatement.

After some discussion the council voted unanimously to approve the following motion:

"The Athletic Council supports the recommendation of the Athletic Director that Men's Track & Field be continued as a varsity sport for the 2013-14 academic year while the President's Commission reviews a possible permanent reinstatement."

IV. POLICY ON ADDING AND CURTAILING SPORTS

Dr. Hadley introduced a proposed change to the current athletic policy for criteria and procedures to be used in deciding to expand and curtail programs.

The first proposed change was to amend the words Atlantic Coast Conference to read conference. The new proposed criteria would be “conference and NCAA sponsorship”. This change passed 12-0-1.

The second proposed change was to add criteria for consideration that looks at academics. Specific proposed language was “past or projected future academic success of student-athletes in the sport”. After discussion and concerns over projecting future academic success it was proposed to amend the language to read “academic success of student athletes in the sport”. A motion was made and the addition was approved unanimously.

V. BIG TEN DISCUSSION

The council discussed the recent announcement of the university’s move to the Big Ten Conference beginning July 1, 2014. Michelle Eastman from the President’s Office, Linda Clement, co-chair of the President’s Commission and Kevin Anderson, Director of Athletics provided insight into the process, decision making and integration. Many on the council expressed their support of the move.