Information Item

Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (FCIA)

Background Information

Dr. Ambrose Jones, Chair of FCIA, will provide an update as to the role of the Faculty Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (FCIA).

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Kim Record, Director of Athletics
FCIA met twice formally during the Fall 2013 semester, although several committee members met informally at various other times throughout the semester. For the Spring 2014 semester, we have three full committee meetings scheduled. Our agenda has included the following:

- Orientation – at our first meeting in September 2013, we conducted an orientation, particularly for new members. We discussed the mission of FCIA, which concerns student-athlete (SA) welfare (primarily academic) and other areas we can help (see below). As a result of this, we distributed a press release to the UNCG Campus Weekly to announce our role and availability to help with any concerns about athletics on campus.
- Recruiting of Student-Athletes – since all but one unit on campus is represented by a member of FCIA, we agreed that the representative member should help coordinate recruiting visits by SA candidates as it relates to academics in their unit.
- Academic Advising – throughout the academic year, we have been involved in helping SAs obtain academic advising resources relating to pursuit of their major (and professional career), while maintaining NCAA eligibility for their sport. In the Spring 2014, each committee member will send an email to SAs in their unit offering to act as a liaison to help insure proper advising takes place.
- Tutoring services – helping to identify resources available to students by particular major, especially in upper level courses.
- Missed class policy – one of our next major initiatives is to conduct research and make suggestions about missed class policies throughout UNCG. This is being initiated because of apparent inconsistencies by department/professor and we want to make sure that students representing UNCG via athletics or otherwise (e.g., music, dance, representation at national or regional student organizations) are treated fairly and consistently when they have obligations that might result in travel and missed classes.
- UNC Board of Governors Recommendations – we have a report listing policies and procedures required by the UNC Board of Governors. At a future meeting, we will have an in-depth discussion about UNCG adherence and FCIA involvement.
- The Student-Athlete Experience – in the past, the Department of Athletics has conducted a formal survey of SAs exiting through graduation or transfer, in order to "gain a pulse" on the SA experience – good and bad. Mostly, this has produced positive results. FCIA will be considering expansion of the survey to underclass students (rising sophomores, juniors and seniors) so that we can make adjustments early during the SA career at UNCG.