UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA at MONROE University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee



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Section III: Activities

Discussion on Subcommittees

There seems to be some confusion among committee members concerning the sub-committees. There is a consensus among members that more information and definition is needed concerning the responsibilities of the four subcommittees. In addition, with NCAA revamping the athletic certification cycle, a revision in the subcommittees and their responsibilities is likely to be necessary.

Scheduling

UAAAC reviewed three schedules for the upcoming 2012-1013 academic year: football, volleyball, and soccer. After careful consideration of the schedules, the committee concluded that minimal class days would be missed by football. Volleyball will miss approximately seven class days. Soccer will miss slightly more, with eight total excused absences (all based on a MWF schedule, with each miss corresponding to a 50-minute class session). Mr. Staub noted that soccer's travel schedule is somewhat heavier this year as the new coach must go on the road in order to re-establish home schedules with a number of schools. The UAAC will monitor soccer scheduling closely next year to ensure that the travel schedule does not burden the student-athletes.

Athletic Budget

The athletic budget was not reviewed by UAAAC as the budget was not available.

Section IV: Recommendations

Subcommittees

A review of the subcommittees and their responsibilities is recommended. The committee chair and the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) are willing work to re-define the subcommittees in-line with the new NCAA certification cycle should you choose to charge us with the task.

formal memo at the beginning of the semester would ensure that the instructors of record are aware of the presence and the travel schedules of student-athletes in their classes at the beginning of the semester, which would give the instructors ample time to make arrangements with the student-athletes to ensure their absence puts minimal strain on their academic progress.

Athletic Budget

We recommend that the athletic budget is made available for UAAAC's review.

Mission

We recommend that a distinguishing mission statement that articulates UAAAC's purpose; its reason for existence, its stakeholders and its commitment to them should be formulated. The mission statement would provide overall direction and serve as the source of the committee objectives. Aside from providing direction,