Faculty Senate Athletic Committee Minutes, March 2, 2007

Chair Scott Unruh called the meeting was called to order at 10:20 am. Members in attendance were Sam Lopez, Jaime Lundgren, Ken Messersmith, Janet Steele, and Susan Williams. Kyle Bowers, Claude Louishomme, Jon McBride Pat Seaton, Jane Strawhecker, and Nita Unruh were absent. Jaime showed the committee a short promotional video distributed by the NCAA entitled “I Chose Division II.” Jaime pointed out that the video is only a part of the NCAA’s marketing strategies making Division II athletics more visible.

Due to the number of committee members who were unable to attend today’s meeting, plus the fact that two of the members present had an 11:00 appointment, it was decided that the discussion of the results of the athletes’ satisfaction survey would be delayed until the April meeting when it would be the only agenda item. Susan said she had spoken with Darren Addy about simply rolling over the questions and getting the survey up on-line for this semester. Scott suggested that “invitations” to take the survey be sent out the first of April.

Scott asked about the mission statement for the athletic department, which he had hoped Jon would bring to the meeting but Jon was unable to attend. He thought that, for assessment purposes, it would be a good idea if our committee could use the mission statement to determine if what we are doing is appropriate and if there are other areas that we should address. Jaime said the mission statement is in the student-athlete handbook and that she had extra handbooks in her office. Committee members were invited to pick one up after the meeting.

In new business, Sam asked if our committee shouldn’t also be surveying the faculty to assess their satisfaction with the athletic department. The committee agreed this was an excellent idea and asked committee members to bring sample questions to the next meeting. A round-table discussion based on the results of the survey could be held later to help faculty understand NCAA policies on such issues as absences from class, practice schedules, and travel.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 6, at 10:15 am.