Acting Chair Janet Steele called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. Members in attendance were Claude Louishomme, Jon McBride, Ken Messersmith, Jane Strawhecker, and Susan Williams. Members absent were Sam Lopez, Jamie Lundgren, Chris Stevens, Nita Unruh, and Chair Scott Unruh.

Janet turned the meeting over to Jon. Jon began by telling the committee that the athletic department had revised its mission statement and other documents to include sexual orientation in definitions of non-discrimination. The committee next discussed disciplinary policies following drug and alcohol offences. In particular, the term “may” was discussed with reference to counseling following a first offense, Level I. Jon said that this gave the department the option of requiring the student-athlete to attend counseling if he or she did not seem remorseful following the offense. The committee suggested defining what exactly constituted a “street drug” since the NCAA list of banned substances lists only three “street drugs” and perhaps use “performance enhancing drugs” instead of “steroids” since hormones like human growth hormone are not steroids.

Jon then asked the committee to examine the sections 7-9 of the self-study for the May 2 meeting. All items that originally had no response should be “yes.”

Susie discussed academic enhancement as ways to help struggling student-athletes improve their academic performance. Mandatory study hall attendance isn’t effective is the student doesn’t apply himself or herself during that period. Susie suggested classes as a part of the CHAMPS program, and Jon said he would look into the content of the University Foundations course.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am. The last meeting of the academic year is planned for Friday, May 2 at 10:15 am in the Zikmund room.