

## **Athletic Advisory Committee Final Report**

### **March 29, 2005**

This year the Athletic Advisory Committee engaged in 3 main projects: 1. The Athletic Department Planning Document 2005-2010; 2. Athletic Department Resumes' Booklet; and 3. an examination of FSU Colleges' excused absence policies. Additionally, as is customary, each member of the committee volunteered to serve as a liaison to one of the athletic teams, providing to that coach a connection to the committee. The committee also held discussions on how it can assist the athletic Director publicize athlete success at FSU and increase student, faculty and the greater University's/Big Rapids community's attendance at events.

#### Athletic Planning Document

This document was generated in draft form in May of 2004 through the participation of Bob Krueger and Matt Pinter (former committee member). As of this report, the plan is still being revised. The committee continues to serve as a sounding board and information source for AD Kirinovic who is now revising portions of the draft report.

#### Athletic Department Resumes

The aforementioned Plan called for the committee to compile a booklet of resumes from coaches who would be interested in part time teaching assignments in their areas of academic expertise, in FSU academic departments. The booklets were compiled and sent to all Department heads in the fall of 2004. Three coaches submitted their resumes for consideration, while three others already hold part time teaching assignments. The process was to acquaint the FSU DH's with the talent possessed by the Athletic Department coaches so they could in turn invite the coaches to be part of their respective department's interview/hiring process for part time teaching.

A measurement of the overall success of this program will be made after one academic cycle has been completed. Though 3 resumes was a lighter submission rate than anticipated, the committee feels that participation (hiring) may encourage more coaches to participate as they wish.

### Excused Absence Policies

With the exceptional assistance of Carma Burcham, all of the FSU Colleges were queried as to their current policy on excused absences. The majority of them responded that they use the Academic Affairs Policy as issued in the Academic Affairs Policy Letter of December 1, 2001. A few modify this to meet their individual needs (Allied Health, Pharmacy, and Optometry). There seems to be none of the problems or confusion this area engendered in the past. As such the committee simply collected the data and discussed it without making any recommendations.

A special thank you is due to all the members of the committee for their hard work and dedication this past year and special thanks is due Dave Scott, the committee's secretary, for recording and distributing the committee's minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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