

# Committee on Athletics

Minutes for Academic Year 2024-2025

Hybrid – COB 204 & Zoom | Meeting #2 | October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 3:00 PM

**In Attendance:** Chris Karadjov, Milton Ordonez, Damian Zavala, Tirth Dave, Brenda Vogel, Jake Conlon, Khue Duong, Kimberly Farell, Jaydee Phung, Bobby Smitheran, Vi Lepham, Stephen Glass, Kurt Escobar, Perla Ayala, Alison Ede, Brian Coriaty, Jeff Scott

## I. Calling the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 PM.

## II. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved at 3:10 PM.

## III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were approved at 3:13 PM.

## IV. Agenda

### a. Chair's Report – Chris Karadjov, Chair of Committee on Athletics

- Sports are fun and non-bureaucratic. This committee is a way to bridge the gap between the sports programs and the academics of the university. We investigate how to make the sports programs better and more popular.

### b. Introductions of Members

- The 3 Executive Members were introduced.
  - Chair: Chris Karadjov
  - Vice Chair: Brenda Vogel
  - Secretary: Jake Conlon
- All other members and attendees gave a brief introduction.

### c. Report – Bobby Smitheran, Executive Director of Athletics

- Women's Soccer is currently tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in conference with 3 games left in the regular season. The team has been dealing with injuries to key players and looking to bounce back.
- Women's Volleyball are currently in a 3-way-tie for first place in conference. This weekend they play UC Irvine and CSU Fullerton.
- Women's Golf are currently ranked 50<sup>th</sup> in the nation, moving up from 174<sup>th</sup>.

- Men's Golf have a tournament at Cal Poly next weekend.
- Men's Water Polo upset Cal Berkley away from home for the first time since 2014. They are currently ranked 8<sup>th</sup> nationally.
- Both Men's and Women's Cross Country have their final regular season meets this weekend. Their conference meets will be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Both Men's and Women's Basketball are starting to hold scrimmages. The first Tip-Off Luncheon in 6 years was recently hosted in Downtown Long Beach at the Marriott.
- Conference Realignment will be happening in the coming years. Hawaii will be moving to the Mountain West conference starting the 2026-27 season. 4 sports can possibly be retained, but that is subject to a vote. This was a football motivated decision that should reduced costs for our programs and lower travel time and missed class for student-athletes.
- The APR (Academic Performance Rate) will be released October 21<sup>st</sup>. Our target is 985.
- Long Beach was selected for a \$120k grant for the Acceleration Academic Success Program. The money will be used for advancement and enhancement of student-athlete success.
- The House vs NCAA lawsuit will have its final hearing April 7<sup>th</sup> of next year. There are still many questions on how this will affect Long Beach, especially with Title IX.
- Chris asked if there is any update on the report that the Pyramid needed renovations after damage sustained over the last few years. The first study done suggested that these renovations would cost around \$50M. A second study is being conducted and we are awaiting the results.

d. Report – Brenda Vogel, Faculty Athletics Representative and COA Vice Chair

- I am the Faculty Athletics Representative. This position is appointed by President of the University. Every NCAA sanctioned program must have one.
- I am involved in overseeing 4 areas.
  - Wellbeing, academic integrity, institutional control, rules compliance
- I regularly meet with teams and show them that I am an independent resource for student athletes. I am apart of the selection of academic and non-academic awards. I work with the Bickerstaff Center to excuse absences for student-athletes, certify eligibility and other academic support.
- I report directly to Jane Conoley, and sit on the Big West Council and NCAA Compliance Committee.
- Chris asked for clarification about the awards. I am involved in deciding on conference level and university level awards. Examples include male and female scholar athlete of the year.

e. Adaptive Sports Programs – Chair of Department of Kinesiology Alison Ede

- The Kinesiology Department is a diverse department with many undergraduate and graduate level programs.

- The Movement Science Lab is being used to track pitching techniques.
- An adaptive basketball program uses the school facilities but is not associated with school directly.
- The school hosts an adaptive archery clinic every April
- Khue asked if the swimming pool still managed by the Kinesiology Department and if the pool is open to public? This is very complex since it was something that happened before COVID, but probably won't happen anytime soon. The pool is set to go under construction starting May of 2024.

f. Ticketing Procedures – Jeffrey Scott, Assistant Athletic Director, Ticket Operations/Sales and Customer Services

- There is a new ticket procedure for students, staff and faculty. In the past, campus members would show their school IDs. This was problematic because the IDs weren't always in the best condition to be swiped. The new system allow campus members to log into an app on Single Sign-On and get their ticket ahead of time.
- Student tickets are free while student guest, staff and faculty tickets are discounted prices.
- We have seen more than 100 students come to games since our new system was adopted.
- We are still offering free tickets to members of this committee. Please just email me at least 24 hours in advance to get them.
- Khue mentioned that the season ticket package is an excellent deal. He purchased his for women's soccer but gets entry for other selected fall sports.
- Jake asked if campus members can still show IDs and receive entry. No, this has to be through the SSO app. A QR Code is provided at the gates for people who haven't already done this so they can quickly get their ticket.

**V. Announcements**

There were no additional announcements made.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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