

Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee Meeting
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The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee (IAAC) met on Thursday, October 17th, 2013 at 9:00AM.

The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

Team updates

- Football (4-3 overall, 2-1 MVFC) beat South Dakota State and University of Northern Iowa on the road. They will host #1 North Dakota State this Saturday. The game is called the 'Stache out and 5,000 'staches will be distributed at the gate.
- Volleyball (10-10, 5-3 MVC) is about halfway through their season.
- Cross Country won the Saluki Invitational. The women were in a gold division and the men were in the blue division, which is a tougher division.

Miscellaneous

- Joe C. Meriweather passed away over the weekend. He was one of the top five men's basketball players of all time. He will be on the All-Century team. Dr. Bardo told of his recruiting visit to Joe Meriweather's home to sign him for the team.
- A meeting was held in Cape Girardeau to discuss a SEMO rivalry challenge series. Staff from SIU and SEMO will work on other sports to be involved and also find sponsors for the rivalry challenge series.
- A meeting was held with Fager Magee Construction and JE Dunn to discuss an indoor tennis facility which would be made possible by a structure over the tennis courts at the Law School. At present, we are paying \$100,000 to Sports Blast every year for rent.
- For the past two years, the SASF golf tournament has not been held, but a 2014 SASF tournament is being planned for April or May. Funds raised at this tournament will go toward Saluki Way.
- Turf is down on the new baseball field, floors have been poured for the dugout, and the lights will be going up this week. The dedication of the baseball stadium will be March 13, 2014 with dinner on the field. The baseball team will host University of Illinois that weekend.
- Mario and Andy looked at some possibilities for a locker room for the swimming student-athletes at the Recreation Center.
- Ivory Crockett, great track athlete from SIU, will be inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame on November 20th.
- There have been discussions with three companies interested in a 3rd TV contract to produce our basketball games. We had previously used Mediacom and WSIU and will continue with WSIU for this fiscal year.

- Paul Pabst, Executive Producer of the Dan Patrick show, will be at Homecoming this year. He will lecture in several classes at Mass Communications. Bill Norwood, Hall of Fame member, will return as Grand Marshall.
- The Academic Recognition event will be held Monday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Arena lobby. Please let Kathy know if you will be able to attend. The Chancellor, Provost, and Deans have been invited.

Open Positions

- The Academic Advisor position is still open and will be posted in the spring.
- Campus Development Officer is posted and resumes will be reviewed by the Foundation and Athletics. This position is paid half by the Foundation and half by Athletics.

Finances

- Mark Scally distributed the *Comparative Statement of Actual and Estimated Income and Expenses* for the Athletics department and also graphs of *FY2012 Revenue Sources*. Mark explained the process of the MVC and NCAA distribution of funds when a team from our conference competes in the NCAA tournament. When Wichita State made it to the Final Four, the MVC received 6 units which will be split 10 ways for the next six years. In 2006, our split was \$400,000.
- 50% of our revenue comes from student fees. We also receive \$306 per semester per student for student fees and \$3M in donations from Saluki Way and SASF. \$1.6M comes from the State of Illinois. Ticket sales also generate \$1.3M which is mostly from basketball and football.
- The money is spent on debt service, salaries, scholarships, and sports operating costs (buses, meals, and clothing). Kathy stated the external staff does a good job of generating additional money such as selling courtside seats and lockers. Little transactions can add to a larger amount.

Our next meeting will be on November 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM