

MINUTES

Management/APSCUF Coaches

Meet and Discuss Session 14

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

11:00 a.m. – Sullivan Board Room

APSCUF representatives present were: Mark Cloud, Kelley Green, Pat Rudy, Heather Kendra and Joannette Saba-Sturm as recording secretary.

Management representatives present were: Roger Johnson, Alan Anderson, Jill Reitz, Denise Shoemaker.

Sharon Taylor was invited by APSCUF and attended.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 21, 2006 were postponed by management.

II. Grievance Update

M. Cloud reported there are no changes. There was Memorandum of Understanding sent to Provost for a non-renewed coach. R. Johnson reported that this is still under consideration.

III. Status of Vehicle for Coaches of Women's Sports

M. Cloud reported management potentially offered to match the situation by offering a particular vehicle for priority use, but coaches found this unsatisfactory. The issue is the cost associated with the vehicle. For example, a coach may only have \$200 to spend for recruiting for their sport. With the .44/mile charge, that allowance may only afford them one round trip to Pitt and back. It is requested to balance the costs afforded to the owner of the men's vehicle to balance that with something for women's sports in the manner of grants, scholarships or an increase in travel allowance.

A. Anderson reported Anastos Bros is paying for insurance and maintenance. The Miller Bros vehicle has insurance paid for by the Foundation. If any donation is over \$2000 given to the Foundation, the Foundation affords certain benefits to the donor. The resolution that is being proposed to provide a "gas-only" vehicle seems agreeable. S. Taylor reported the route to Philadelphia in gas round trip is \$50 cash vs. \$178 for using a state vehicle. If the vehicle has no chargeback and only pays gas it seems equitable. A. Anderson reported the .44/mi covers gas, insurance and maintenance and realizes the request at hand and is on board with the no chargeback solution. M. Cloud agrees it seems like a good solution.

IV. Closing of East Campus Gym

M. Cloud reported he understands the East Campus gym is officially closed and assumes no one is using it. What is management's plan to accommodate the student athletes, etc. R. Johnson reported they should be put back where they were before the gym opened. M. Cloud inquired who will be responsible for this task. H. Kendra reported the athletic trainers indicated they no longer want to work past 8 p.m. due to their teaching obligations.

P. Rudy indicated there are also more club activities. R. Johnson said management will have to adjust the activities. Marchal Rote likely has a schedule of how the space was previously delegated. M. Cloud reported he wants the space issues resolved before August, and the affected groups need to be informed early enough to plan. R. Johnson reported he will take responsibility to inform groups. Athletics needs to be given priority on space availability over the clubs, etc. as they are directly impacted by this (practices, annual reviews, etc.) M. Cloud reported that community programs, etc. should be given the lowest priority.

V. Status of Wrestling Center

M. Cloud inquired if there is a timeline for completion and access for student athletes. R. Johnson reported it is based on private funding and wrestling will have priority for the facility. M. Cloud inquired once they get the private funding, does this include the cost of heating. A. Anderson reported it wasn't just the heating costs that determined the closing of East Campus, but also some water issues. S. Taylor reported that the issues about wrestling are not an LHU team, but Matt Town an off-campus organization. She further reported that all funding is not private; \$2m is from a state grant.

VI. Loss of Graduate Assistantships (GAs)

M. Cloud inquired why athletics has lost their GAs. R. Johnson reported that he is not aware of any long-term plan to reduce GAs. Students who receive assistantships must be doing work related to their programs. As some grants have ended, we've reduced the number of directly funded GAs. There is a lot of competition on campus for GAs. There was a discussion regarding how GAs are counted in terms of soft funding versus directly funded and whether they are considered a part of the complement. A. Anderson refined this by saying it's under the cost umbrella. S. Taylor expressed concern that this has impacted sports and including the cost of tuition under the "cost" when tuition is "Funny money" impacts at a level that will not better athletics. In addition, M. Cloud expressed concern that coaches now have to make up for the 20 hours that GAs provided, and it is unreasonable for management to request them to pick up the load without added compensation. H. Kendra reported that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the GA seats in Athletics are assistants of women's sports. R. Johnson reported that management will review this issue in terms of the needs of athletics, where the GAs are going and what the requirements are. M. Cloud asked who the decision-making body is for GAs. R. Johnson reported the Graduate Council is the group to direct, but it needs to evaluate who gets the GAs throughout campus. Athletics should not be dependent on GAs to meet their needs.

VII. Coaches' Office Space

M. Cloud reported Office space has been evaluated for a while and the provost offered to evaluate it. The coaches have the most impacted spacing problems on campus and want to set a date for the evaluation. R. Johnson agreed to set a date and reported Dave Proctor said the use of "recommended" allowance was probably more of a hope than a reality. M. Cloud requested whoever has the power for change or recommending change. Denise and Cheryl will work on making the arrangements. M. Cloud reported that he hopes management will reconsider the closing of East Campus gym, because there were some athletic coaches that were considering relocating to East Campus. A. Anderson

recommended that the tour should include East Campus while the walk-about occurs. The cost for renovation was requested, and A. Anderson reported that DP has the cost per square footage. H. Kendra inquired if the shuttle is canceled. East Campus is not being closed; just the gym.

VIII. Next Coaches' Meet & Discuss

The next Coaches' Meet and Discuss will be 11:00 AM, June 21, 2006 at Sullivan Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Dr. Roger Johnson
(Acting) Provost and VP of Academic Affairs

Dr. Mark Cloud
APSCUF Chapter President