KINESIOLOGY & ATHLETICS
DEPARTMENT MEETING

Thursday, May 5, 2011
2:00 – 3:00 pm

Office Area

Minutes


1. Additions to Agenda
   a. New Student Guide – Diane
      The A & R office has put together a guide with information that coaches might find helpful in their recruitment packets.
   b. Part Time Faculty of the Year Award Winner
      Congratulations to our own Darlene Del Carmen for this well deserved recognition.

2. Reports
   a. Department Chairs – Susan
      A student success center has been established. It is currently in the library but will move to the portables in the fall. The center is designed to provide faculty with the tools to help improve the success rate of our students. The center will develop a calendar of monthly events (workshops) so that faculty can plan ahead and also perhaps include some of these hours in their co-curricular or flex hours. Student Kiosks are being developed with placement across campus. There is money from the Title V grant to fund four. These kiosks will contain computers for students to access their grades, class schedule, etc. One of the locations being considered is our area.

3. Graduation
Student athletes will once again be hosted by our department at a pre-graduation dinner (4:00 – 5:45 pm in APE 120/121). You are encouraged to attend (and also walk in the graduation ceremony). Your contribution of food towards this event is also appreciated. A sign-up sheet has been placed by our mailboxes.

4. Finals Week
Just a reminder that all classes need to meet during finals week, per the published finals schedule (page 109 of the spring class schedule). If you need a copy of this please let Susan or Diane know.

5. Summer Session
PE 75 – as in previous summers, coaches will be paid up to 4 hours a week to work with their teams during the 6 week summer session. A master schedule of when each team will be using the weight room has been developed and distributed. Please let Susan know if there are any changes to that schedule.

6. New Course PE 15 Sport and Society
The first reading of this proposed class will be going to the curriculum committee at the May 9th meeting.

7. Spring Semester SLO Assessment Reporting
PE 5 – John; PE 9AB – Justin/Susan; PE 75 – John; PE 79 – Kevin; ATH 38 – Neal
If everyone listed above could make sure and get their data reported by the end of summer session that would be appreciated.

8. Kinesiology Major
   a. Revisions to Options
      Susan and Darlene, with input from the counselors and Ron, revised each option. The major changes were: removing the fundamentals classes from the list of electives, making each options list of classes more specific to that particular emphasis, and reducing the number of activity classes required. The department has accepted these recommended changes and they will be taken to the curriculum committee for approval in time for the new catalog.
   b. 4 semester rotation
      As suggested at an earlier meeting, Susan and Darlene reviewed the 4 semester rotation of major’s classes. KIN 2 has been moved from the spring semester to the fall semester beginning in the Fall of 2012. It has been recommended that we stay with the 4 semester rotation (except for KIN 2 which is on a 2 semester rotation) as the enrollment numbers do not
justify a change at this time. The department agreed to these recommendations.

9. **Fitness Center**
   a. Final – An email was sent out to all those teaching in the fitness center. The schedule for our hours during finals week has also been published and is available for the students. Please continue to remind the students that they should take their written final the last day they plan on attending class. The final is pass/fail so they just need to make sure and take the test.

10. **Discussion – Teaching/Learning**
    a. Use of SLO Assessment Data – Instructors were asked to come prepared to share an example of how they have used the information from a SLO they have assessed to change/improve teaching and/or learning. John indicated it has generally helped him focus on his teaching. Nikki has modified her class schedule for when she discusses THR, adding more times when this topic is discussed to help improve the student’s knowledge. Neal developed a rubric for assessing student’s soccer skills, rather then just using faculty observation. In swim for fitness, Susan has intergraded the teaching/use of the dolphin kick earlier in the semester and more often. Kevin developed a rubric for assessing ultimate Frisbee skills. He noticed a difference between the students being able to perform these skills in practice situations vs. game play.

11. **Discussion – Building a Culture of Excellence**
    Nikki indicated that she regularly talks to her team about what it means to be an athlete and about building a championship culture. How do you create that, what do you do, not just on the field but in the community, in the classroom and in the weight room.

    It was agreed that we need to continue to improve our facilities, but we should not make excuses.

    Part time coaches pay needs to be improved but as it is a negotiated item, we need to make sure and contact our GCFA rep to let them know of this need.