**SENATE AGENDA ITEM III.F.1.**

**29 August 2017**

**To: Faculty Senate**

**From: Tammi Bories, Chair Council on Intercollegiate Athletics**

**Date: July 20, 2017**

**Re: Annual report: Summary of 2016-2017 Activity**

The Council on Intercollegiate Athletics met on two occasions during the 2016-2017 academic year with some minor business performed via e-mail.

The members and/or attendees of the 2016-1017 Council meetings were: Tammi Bories (chair), Matt Tanney (Director of Athletics), Danielle Surprenant (Senior Associate Director for Internal Operations/SWA), Courtney Penna (Graduate Assistant to the Athletic Director), Tom Cody (NCAA Faculty Representative), Lawrence Andrew, Amanda Silberer, Patricia Eathington, James Claar (SGA representative), Madison Lefler (student athlete representative), and Renee Polubinsky (future member).

The main business for this council is to review and make recommendations relative to the various schedules submitted by the intercollegiate athletic teams in accordance with university policy.

The two key policies are:

1. The maximum number of classes missed per semester: A student athlete may miss a maximum of five Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and a maximum of four Tuesdays and Thursdays.
2. Athletic contests should not be scheduled during final examination week. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by CAGAS.

The council reviewed and approved the following athletic schedules:

* Men’s and Women’s Cross Country
* Men’s and Women’s golf
* Softball
* Women’s Tennis
* Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track
* Men’s and Women’s Outdoor Track
* Men’s and Women’s Basketball
* Volleyball
* Football
* Men’s and Women’s Soccer
* Men’s and Women’s Swimming
* Baseball

The council also addressed concerns from Faculty Senate regarding some sports that did not meet the guidelines for the policies listed above. The guidelines were not met due to conference required games/meets/matches. The expansive nature of the conference requires travel times in which one or more student-athletes may miss class. Additionally, the council addressed concerns regarding students missing final examinations during the spring semester due to conference tournaments. Addressing these concerns, the council informed the faculty senate of opportunities provided to student-athletes during travel, such as availability of tutoring, access to computers/internet, and proctoring of exams.

To reiterate the quality of the education that the student-athletes are receiving and producing, a few highlights from the Fall 2016 Academic Report Card for WIU Student-Athletes are:

* Overall semester GPA for student-athletes: 3.16 (University GPA: 3.04)
* 34 student athletes (10%) had a 4.00 GPA.
* 231 student-athletes (68%) had a GPA of 3.0 or higher.