

**Indiana University East
Athletics Committee
2010-11 Year-End Report**

Members of the Committee

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Meeting dates

9-20-10 and electronic communications

Original Charges to the Committee

- Promptly resolve the question of whether this Committee has the authority to develop and propose a policy for evaluating coaches. If so, the Committee is required to develop the policy in accordance with NAIA membership. The policy would require Senate approval.
- According to policy, the Committee chair “shall submit a report annually to the Faculty Senate and to the Chancellor on the status of campus intercollegiate athletics.” In the past, the report has included an executive budget summary, athletics retention data, and a summary of student athletes’ GPA.
- Develop a policy against hazing in all team sports.
- Investigate the possibility of developing intramural club sports at IU East as a way of increasing student engagement on campus. A policy would need to be created if it is decided to bring or allow intramural club sports at IU East. (A starting point could be examining IU South Bend’s intramural club sports policy.)
- Because this Committee has dual reporting lines, additional charges may come from the Chancellor.
- The chair of the Athletics Committee should attend Agenda Committee meetings prior to bringing items before Faculty Senate.

Report of the committee’s activities:

- Recommendation was made to Senate to approve the addition of Dance and Cheerleading. This resolution was passed with a unanimous vote.
- The committee developed a policy on hazing. It was proposed that this be a student policy rather than an athletics-specific policy. The policy was discussed by the AAA Committee as well as the Athletics Committee and then presented to Senate, where revisions were suggested. It was also suggested that the policy be examined by Indiana University’s Office of Legal Counsel. The policy would need to be revised and presented for a vote during the 2011-2012 year.
- The committee presented the athletics annual reports for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.

- Five students appealed their ineligibility to participate in team sports.
- Regarding the question of whether the Athletics Committee has the authority to develop a policy for evaluating coaches, the Athletics Director responded that coaches should be under the authority of the Athletics Director, who reports to the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. The Athletics Committee wished to develop a student athletes' questionnaire to be used as part of the evaluation of coaches, and found out that one is already being used by the Director for Student Retention. The Committee may decide to offer suggestions on the questionnaire.
- The Athletics Director stated that intramural club sports are not feasible at this time due to inadequate resources and poor past performance of intramural sports initiatives. (If intramural sports become feasible, a policy needs to be created.)

Recommended Charges for 2011-2012:

- Discuss revisions to the IU East Hazing Policy completed during Summer 2011 in consultation with IU's Office of Legal Counsel. If needed, continue revising the policy. In consultation with the AAA Committee, propose the revised Hazing Policy as a voting item.
- Present the athletics annual reports for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.
- Review NAIA policies on the evaluation of coaches to make a final determination of whether the Athletics Committee, including faculty members, are required to develop a policy for the evaluation of coaches. Review the questionnaire that is currently used as part of the evaluation of coaches, and make suggestions as advisable.
- If intramural club sports become feasible at IU East, develop a policy for this, consulting IU South Bend's intramural club sports policy.

Submitted by Neil Sabine