NCAA Open Forums Recap

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Attendees: 69 persons

I. Dr. Rosa Jones, Vice President of Student Affairs welcomed thanked and welcomed everyone for their attendance and provided an introduction of the NCAA process and purpose of the NCAA Self-Study.

II. Dr. Susan Himburg, Director of Accreditation /NCAA Coordinator presented an overview 1.1 Institutional Control section on behalf of Dr. Mary Tanke, Chair of the Governance and Compliance Subcommittee.

III. Dr. Douglas Robertson, Dean of Undergraduate Education and Chair of the Academic Integrity Subcommittee Committee provided an overview of the 2.1 Academic Standards principles and the Plans of Improvement that have been created for this section.

IV. Dr. Charmaine DeFrancesco, Chair of the Gender/Diversity Issues and Student-Athlete Well-Being Subcommittee provided an overview of 3.1 Gender Issues, 3.2 Diversity Issues and 3.3 Student-Athlete Well-Being.

V. Dr. Elizabeth Bejar, Vice Provost for the Office of Academic planning and Accountability informed every one of the next steps in the process to finalize the report.

VI. The room was open for Questions and Comments regarding the Self-Study.

VII. Dr. Bruce Hauptli, Faculty Fellow urged that FIU set a goal that by the end of this next ten-year period to be in full conformity with the best practices in the governance of intercollegiate athletics recommended by The Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (http://wfu.me/cms/coia/index.php/Home). The Coalition is an association of 57 of the Faculty Senates of the NEAA FBS schools, and it’s current Best Practice recommendations are available at: http://wfu.me/cms/coia/data/_uploaded/file/Exec%20Summary%20-%20Academic%20Integrity%20in%20Intercollegiate%20Athletics.pdf

Governance of intercollegiate athletics provides unique challenges, and this group’s recommendations provide a positive supplement to the NCAA recommendations. Institutions may appraise themselves of their recommendations without joining the group--and independently of a decision by our Senate to join the group, we could set ourselves this goal.
VIII. Ms. Beverly Trott, Assistant Director from the Disability Resource Center made wanted to know if FIU will be hiring more coaches, when Sand Volleyball is going to be implanted and if the swimming team will be acquiring locker rooms which they do not have.

IX. Ms. Julie Berg, Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator answered Ms. Trott’s questions.
   o Additional coaches are expected to be hired by 2012.
   o Swim and Dive Teams locker rooms are currently being looked into at this time.
   o Track and Field are working on securing a location on campus for an official track.
   o Sand Volleyball hopes to have a Coach hired by July 2011 and athletes should be recruited within one year.

X. Dr. Beverly Dalrymple, Director for the Center for Leadership and Service asked how the student-well-being portion was assessed.

XI. Dr. Steve Fain, Honors College Fellow and member of the Gender/Diversity Issues and Student-Athlete Well-Being explained Focus Groups were held for students to express themselves. One of the things students expressed to be unhappy about was the quality of food. Dr. Fain explained the interviews were very helpful.

XII. Dr. Charmaine DeFrancesco added that Student Exit Surveys were looked at as well.

XIII. Ms. Julie Berg, also added students are surveyed every year across the board from food – academic so these were some of the tools used to access students.

XIV. Ms. Cecile Hourly, Director of Student Programs from the Honors college asked if the Marketing for Athletics is Gender-Specific.

XV. Dr. Susan Himburg explained that the NCAA does not ask to break down Marketing into Gender.

XVI. Ms. Beverly Trott asked if why Marketing for Woman's Basketball was only $500.00

XVII. Ms. Julie Berg explained that marketing for woman's basketball is not $500.00 it's thousands of dollars. Dr. Himburg added that a current sign on 8th and 107th Avenue is giving advantage to Woman and also cost over $500.00 to past.

XVIII. Dr. Jones encouraged everyone to read the report and forward any comments or questions.
   o Thanked everyone worked on this for their efforts.
   o Looks forward to continued commitment
   o Thanked all who attended.