

**Indiana University South Bend
Senate Athletics committee
September 4, 2020**

Attendance: Cati Hebert-Annis, Kirk Mecklenburg, Maryann Oak, Kathleen Sullivan, Samaneh Torkzadeh

Excused: Tony Randles

Time/Location: 2:30-2:55 p.m./Zoom

Recorder: Samaneh Torkzadeh

1. Introductions of committee members

a) Maryann Oak: The program director of radiography and medical imaging – Vera Z. Dwyer College of Health Sciences. (Year 1/2)

b) Samaneh (Sam) Torkzadeh: Assistant professor of marketing – Judd Leighton School of Business and Economics. (Year 2/2)

c) Kirk Mecklenburg: Professor in biology, do research on fruit flies and the nervous system and the photoreceptor cells in the eye – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Year 2/2)

d) Cati Hebert-Annis: Teach Spanish and 14th year at IUSB, but first on this committee – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Year 1/2)

e) Kathleen Sullivan: Almost ten years at IUSB. Her role is to oversee a program that helps students navigate college in their lives, effectively, it is U100. And this summer, she was on a committee with athletic people to help plan how to open up for their sports – School of Education (Year 2/2)

2. Share of the committee duties from Article VIII - of the constitution

The Athletics Committee shall:

1. Serve in an advisory role concerning the annual athletic budget, both intramural and intercollegiate, and supportive activities.
2. Establish guidelines concerning schedules for intercollegiate athletics and monitor compliance.
3. Establish eligibility requirements for participation in intercollegiate athletics and monitor compliance.
4. Approve participation in new intercollegiate athletic activities with the consent of the Senate.
5. Approve participation in post-season activities.
6. Propose, for the approval of the Senate, membership in athletic conferences.
7. In cooperation with the Scholarship Office, determine policies concerning allocation of athletic grants when available, in accordance with conference policies.
8. Make personnel recommendations in the athletic area to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

3. What have we done in the past (returning members)

Last year we had the Director of the athletic department in the committee and he informed us about things like athletic students' retention rate. Their retention is higher than the rest of the students. We only met once last year. Mostly we talked to help student athletes that the director was concerned about their work in the classroom and that they that they attended classes, it did well. And so, he was very much pro student advocate on that.

4. Area of questions:

Where can we make a contribution towards?

How can we make a difference?

Is there any kind of particular issue?

It would be helpful for us to talk about where the sports are now, what they are doing?

What does the athletic do during pandemic?

What measures do they have in place? And then from our vantage point, can we think of anything else that whereby we could help?

What are the director's concerns? or what he needs from the school body of faculties?

Are there motivation issues with the students because of not being able to play like before?

Move to adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samaneh Torkzadeh