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Minutes of 12.9.21 Scholastic Committee

Present:: Alyssa Pirinelli, Jason Ramey, Dennis Stewart, Joe Beaver, Beth Zaske, Marcus Muller, Jessica Porwoll, Josh Kuusisto, Jess Larson

Not Present: Julie Eckerle, Lauren Combellick, Anika Eaves, Naeem Williams, Maureen Zeleny, Zander Roemer

Guest: Matt Johnson, UMM Athletics

- I. Previous Minutes approved as batch: October 28, November 9, and November 23, 2021. Unanimous approval.
- II. Chair's Report: Information linked to Athletics, opted to move on to guest presentation.
- III. Matt Johnson/Athletics
 - Presentation of data (see below) regarding student success of athletes.
 - Additional group discussion included these points:
 - possible centralized schedule/roster online for planning around events
 - registration blocks/access specifically for athletes for courses that don't overlap practice
 - alerts/grade checks: how best to keep coaches informed of grades.
 - APLUS features could help show grade trends for this purpose
 - Committee support for coaches being integrated into APLUS messaging
- IIII. SCEP Report:
 - Juneteenth Calendar Adjustments for Morris, Crookston, UMTC and Rochester approved
 - Brief overview of the enrollment data from VP McMaster's presentation at the 12.8.21 meeting.
- IV. Discussion of questions for January meeting with Admissions

From Matt Johnson's presentation on UMM Athletics:

- Cougar Athletics General Information
 - 19 Varsity Sports (10 women's, 9 men's)
 - 38 FT/PT/Seasonal Coaches
 - 2019-20 year – 282 student-athletes (non-duplicated)
 - 2020-21 year – 280 student-athletes (non-duplicated)
 - 2021-22 year – 306 student-athletes (non duplicated)
 - From campus assembly 10/26/21
 - 293 new 1st yr students @UMM

- 37% were SA's (108)
- What do you think are the primary successes of the student-athletes academically?
 - GPA
 - 3.19 cumulative GPA in 2020-21 (71% of SA's have cum GPA of 3.0 or higher)
 - [LINK](#)
 - Academic All-Conference Winners
 - 146 (3.5 GPA in season of competition)
 - Higher persistence and graduation rates than students in general
 - [LINK](#)
- What do you think the greatest challenges are for student-athletes?
 - University policy of "legitimate" make up work (group projects)
 - Initial registration
 - Practice windows (4pm – 6pm) / class availability/ labs
 - i.e. If only 1 class available at 3:20pm or later is challenging
 - Study groups, PAL sessions, etc between 4pm-6pm are challenging
 - Having practices later than 6pm takes away from coaches opportunities to be on the road recruiting – main function
 - Is an "activities block" at all a future consideration
 - Academic alerts (sharing with coaches)
 - Working with Marcus Muller and Jessica Porwell on this
- Are there things that you wish advisers/faculty were more aware of about student-athletes?
 - The importance of participation in athletics to our students – they chose Morris for the academic and athletic experience