Minutes: Faculty Senate Athletic Committee meeting of November 1, 2010

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Susan Martin, Provost, spoke to the committee about the special consideration admissions process. This was requested because some athletes are admitted through this process. There are no published criteria for a student to be given consideration for admission through this pathway. The students given this kind of consideration are those who have experience life altering obstacles and/or bring special skills to the campus and would not otherwise be accepted. The current iteration of this process has been in place for one year. In its former iteration it was used solely for athletes but now it applies to all students. The ACT score as well as GPA are given consideration in addition to special skills the student might possess. There are a total of 10 granted and no more than 6 to athletes. These are split with no more than two to football, two to the other men’s sports and two to women’s athletics. The remaining four go to the general student population. The athletes admitted must have an interview with Eric Brey and the student success center staff or a letter from the coach documenting a plan for academic success.

Because this current program is so new there is no data available to judge the success of these students after admission.