Meeting Minutes from December 11th, 2012:

Meeting minutes approved from prior meeting

Introductory remarks from the Chair (Deak)
- Chair outlined primary goals for the meeting: (1) to hear reports from AD, FAR and compliance; and (2) hold initial discussions regarding Athletic fee recommendations.

Report from the AD (Elliot)
- Volleyball won championship – major accomplishment
- Major goal is to improve funding for student athletes
- Discussion of conference realignments

Report from the FAR (Stark)
- Very positive relationship with Athletics
- Attended FARA meetings – most useful meeting
- Attended SUNY athletics oversight meeting – Westgate report was referenced multiple times
- Planning to get academic liaison position going for spring semester

Report from the Compliance officer (Eagan)
- Held first subcommittee meeting
- May need to expand membership to include representatives from faculty, student housing and student accounts
  - Will require a change to IAB bylaws, could be discussed at next meeting
- Discussed change to enforcement/violation structure and distributed handout from NCAA
  - New structure goes into effect Aug 1 2013
  - Meeting scheduled to discuss with the President in January
  - Should consider article in Pipe Dream and/or Inside BU

Budget impact of NYSUNY2020 and discussion of Athletic fee
- PE distributed fee proposal recommendation memo (attached) requesting $25 annually for 3 years
- Student-athlete perspective – surprised by contrast relative to other SUNY schools (BU athletic fees are notably lower than other University Centers in SUNY); student athletes largely felt the request was appropriate and that the fee was needed to appropriately support student athletes.
- There was much discussion of the need to remain competitive and how funding will improve recruitment and resources to support student athletes, such as the student athlete success center.
- It was noted that these are present day comparisons and we are already behind other SUNY schools will likely go up in upcoming years, perhaps more aggressively than the current request from Athletics.
- The committee discussed the overall cap on fee increases and how increasing the Athletic fee might impact other student fees which might be adversely impacted by raising the Athletic fee.
- Overall, initial discussions were largely supportive of the request to increase the Athletic Fee by $25 annually for 3 consecutive years. It was decided that members of the IAB could continue to consider the request and look more carefully at the documentation provided by the AD so that a vote and recommendation to the President could be rendered at the next meeting of the IAB (in the first week of spring semester).