

# **Athletic Council Minutes**

## **October 10, 2008**

**Members Present:** Bridget Beerman, Mike Truscott, Ingrid Fjeldheim (SAAC), Robert Fleming, Ken Godfrey, Julie Rochester (Chair), Mike Rotundo, Brandon Sager, Cheryl Teeters, Jon Teichman, Jessica Butina (ASNMU), Dennis Stanek, Steve Specker, Carol Johnson

**Members Excused:** Kelly Reed, Jim Gadzinski

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Teeters

**Guests:** None

**The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by chair Rochester.**

1. **Approval of Agenda (Rotundo, Specker)**
2. **Approval of March 28, 2008 Minutes (Truscott, Fleming)**
3. **Guest Presentation** – Dr. Susan Koch, Provost was scheduled to attend, however, she had a last minute meeting with Dr. Wong that did not allow her to attend.
4. **Chair's Report (Rochester)**
  - 4.1 **Welcome new AC Member** – Carol Johnson, (College of Business)
  - 4.2 **Committee on Compliance Report**
    - 4.2.1 **Enrolling student athletes in classes after 1<sup>st</sup> week of school** – Clarified that the Registrar adds any student after the 1<sup>st</sup> week of classes as long as they have a signed “add” card. NMU Athletic Director concerned regarding athletes involved in this situation.
    - 4.2.2 **Ensuring attendance – HPER Department – working on a policy/plan in coordination with Dr. H. Wallace** - looking at a departmental policy in regards to student athletes not attending classes taught by coaches. FAR to work with Athletic Director and Dr. H. Wallace on possible policy/plan implementation.
  - 4.3 **Executive Committee Report** – Met on 9/26/08.
  - 4.4 **Committee on Sportsmanship Report** – No report.
  - 4.5 **FAR Fellows Institute** – Rochester was selected as the GLIAC FAR to travel to Indianapolis in October and will be attending.
  - 4.6 **FARA Annual Meeting** – Rochester will be attending in San Diego in November.
  - 4.7 **GLIAC Meetings** – Oct. 27, 28. Rochester, Godfrey, Beerman and Dr. Wong will be attending. Beerman and Dr. Wong are on search committee for new GLIAC Commissioner. The committee is hoping to name a new commissioner by early spring.
  - 4.8 **Academic Senate Presentation** – This will take place next semester.
  - 4.9 **Library instruction session** – Krista Clumpner would like to hold an informational session with coaches/student athletes in regards to utilizing the library's services while traveling.
5. **Athletic Director's Report (Godfrey)** - See attached handout from Godfrey.
6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report (Fjeldheim)**
  - 6.1 **Athlete Social** – Event went well. Approximately 270 participants. Some athletes spoke and everyone played trivia. TCF bank assisted with T-shirts which are available for a donation.
  - 6.2 **Project Idea (Hockey Helmet Donations)** – Rochester, SATO, ASNMU to look into a program to donate used hockey equipment through Teaching Family Homes for children that need them.
7. **ASNMU Report (Butina)** –
  - 7.1 **Website** - The new ASNMU website is up and more accessible.
  - 7.2 **Hotel List** - Working on a list of hotels that will provide assistance to students when traveling home.

- 7.3 **Recycling Policy** - Looking at a recycling policy which would locate more containers around campus.
- 7.4 **Bicycle Program** -Looking at a bicycle use program with donated bicycles on campus for students to use.
- 7.5 **Childcare committee** – looking at providing free childcare to students with children.
- 8. **Old Business**
  - 8.1 **Course Offering Recommendation** – No discussion
  - 8.2 **Missed Class Policy** (Rochester) – Look at resolution verbiage in regards to Student Athlete required attendance on campus on game day for “pre-game” events.
  - 8.3 **Faculty Sport Sponsorship Program** (Sager) – No report.
  - 8.4 **Faculty/Staff Attendance at Athletic Events** (Beerman) – Pilot program starting with an invitation being sent to Financial Aid, Facilities and Business and Mathematics for the Nov. 1 home football game.
    - 8.4.1 Hockey – Luxury Suite for AC – Not possible for Hockey.
    - 8.4.2 Football/Hockey– FAR checking into the President’s Box for the AC for a home football game.
    - 8.4.3 NMU/Alumni – Tickets are not available for away events
- 9. **New Business**
  - 9.1 **CCHA Conference Call Scheduled for Oct. 14, 1PM Travel Costs** - (Godfrey) – Discussion in regards to the the NCAA’s concern about increasing travel costs.
- 10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**
  - 10.1 **Guest Speakers** (Rochester) – Jim Winkler 11/7; Les Wong 11/7. Discussion regarding the Foundation, Alumni Relations and Student Athletes as other possible guest speakers. Brittany Buchanan – Soccer was mentioned as possible guest speaker.
  - 10.2 **Post Graduate Scholarships** (Beerman) – Caryn VanBeckum, Eric Serrine, Tyler Kazmierkoski and Derek May have all submitted applications.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Athletic Council Member