

Athletic Council Minutes

January 30, 2009

Members Present: Bridget Beerman, Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Carol Johnson, Kelly Reed, Julie Rochester (Chair), Mike Rotundo, Brandon Sager, Dennis Stanek, Jon Teichman, Mike Truscott

Members Excused: Ingrid Fjeldheim (SAAC), Steve Specker, Cheryl Teeters

Members Absent: Jessica Butina (ASNMU)

Guests: None

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

1. **Approval of Agenda (Stanek/Johnson)**
2. **Approval of December 12, 2008 Minutes (Stanek/Johnson)**
3. **Guest Presentations** - None
4. **Chair Report** (Rochester)
 - 4.1 **Committee on Compliance** – No report.
 - 4.2 **Executive Committee** – Met last Friday to formulate agenda.
 - 4.3 **Committee on Sportsmanship** – A recent incident at a MSU versus U-M hockey game brought out discussion regarding this committee's role and NMU's policies in the event an incident occurs here. The AC agreed that all reasonable steps are being taken.
5. **Athletic Director's Report** (Godfrey)
 - 5.1 **Upcoming Athletic Events** – Hockey is away at WMU, we host GVSU in basketball this weekend, home track and field on Saturday (men and women competitions even though we only field a women's team), swimming and diving also hosting this Saturday. It is Senior Day for both track and field and swimming and diving teams.
 - 5.2 **Wildcat Willy Birthday Bash** – About 500-600 people attended the event and approximately 75 student athletes were on hand to help connect with the community.
 - 5.3 **NFL Pre-Season Training Camp** – Godfrey is pursuing NFL teams, especially the St. Louis Rams, to bring a training camp here. He is not optimistic.
 - 5.4 **Turf Replacement** – Details are still being finalized on the turf and rolling system.
 - 5.5 **University of British Columbia** – Godfrey has had contact with officials from UBC interested in information regarding membership in the CCHA.
 - 5.6 **GLIAC Meeting** – Beerman and Dr. Wong are representing NMU on the selection committee for a new commissioner.
 - 5.7 **GLIAC Growth** – Two new schools, Erie and Old Dominion (Ohio), are being courted to join the GLIAC. If so, a north and south division could be realized. Godfrey sees that as an advantage in keeping travel expenses in line.
 - 5.8 **Budget Situation** – Athletics is working on budget reductions as outlined by the institution.
6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report** (Fjeldheim) – Beerman reported (for Fjeldheim) that the SAAC is meeting this coming Sunday.
7. **ASNMU Report** (Butina) – No report.
8. **Old Business**
 - 8.1 **Faculty Sport Sponsorship Program** (Sager) – No report.
 - 8.2 **Faculty Attendance at Athletic Events** (Johnson) – Johnson has agreed to provide leadership to this effort.
 - 8.3 **NCAA Legislation Results** (Rochester) – Reviewed final results of legislation.
 - 8.4 **SATO/SAAC Teaching Family Homes** (Rochester) – Collected "gently used" hockey equipment at last weekend's hockey games. All equipment is checked by SATO before being given to TFH to ensure that equipment is safe.

- 8.5 **Exit Surveys** (Rochester) – The surveys are up and running and data is being collected electronically. Rochester will provide an update on results at the next meeting.
- 8.6 **GLIAC Meeting Updates** (Rochester)
 - 8.6.1 **Sportsmanship Award** – NMU coaches were provided with forms to nominate schools in the GLIAC for the award (cannot vote for their own school).
 - 8.6.2 **AT Minimum Standards** – Rochester, along with other FARs, has volunteered to develop minimum athletic training standards for GLIAC events.
- 9. **New Business**
 - 9.1 **Athletics Forum** (Rochester) – Tabled.
 - 9.2 **Mystudentbody.com** (Rochester) – Beerman and Rochester will review the materials associated with this program and report to the committee at a later date.
 - 9.3 **Miles Brand Report: State of the Association 2009** (Rochester) – Hard copies of the report are available and/or you may view the report on the AC web site.
 - 9.4 **FAR/AC Report to the Academic Senate** (Rochester) – Rochester will include the following in her remarks: athlete academic performance, APR and GSR data, grade reports, DII philosophy, scholarship breakdowns by sport, and community service activities.
 - 9.5 **Recognition of Student Athlete Academic Achievement** (Rochester) – Teichman, Rochester, Godfrey and Gadzinski will meet to discuss recognition ideas and options.
 - 9.6 **NCAA Research/Drug and Alcohol Study** (Rochester) – NMU football team has been selected to participate. A random sampling of football players will be asked to complete the survey by May 5th.
 - 9.7 **Development of Community Engagement Committee** (Rochester) – Tabled.
- 10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**
 - 10.1 **Items to be Included on AC Web Site** (Rochester/Beerman) – *NCAA Perceived Barriers/Gender Equity in College Coaching and Administration* document, Miles Brand Report, and NCAA DII Strategic Plan will be added to the site.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski
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