

# **Athletic Council Minutes**

## **October 19, 2007**

**Members Present:** Jim Anderson, Bridget Berube, Dan Elmore (SAAC), Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Julie Rochester (Chair), Mike Rotundo, Brandon Sager, Dennis Stanek, Cheryl Teeters, Jon Teichman, Mike Truscott, Renxin Yang

**Members Excused:** Dave Faiella, Amelia (Mimi) Marschall (SAAC), Steve Specker,

**Members Absent:** Aaron Burns (ASNMU)

**Guests:** Dr. Les Wong, NMU President; Dean Ellis, Men's Basketball and Golf Head Coach; Tom Barnes, Women's Track and Field Head Coach

**The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by chair Rochester.**

**1. Approval of Agenda (with additions)**

**2. Approval of September 21, 2007 Minutes (Teichman/Rotundo)**

**3. Guest Presentations**

**3.1 Dean Ellis, Men's Basketball and Men's Golf Head Coach**

**3.1.1 Golf** – According to NCAA Division II regulations, NMU must field a “spring” team and golf, as long as 51% of their matches are held in the spring, meet the criteria. The number of scholarships have been increased from 0.33 to 1.33. This should help in recruiting golfers.

**3.1.2 Basketball** – The team just began practicing and it will be hard to fill the spots of two players who graduated in the spring. Coach Ellis also provided an explanation of why he recruits in Montreal and how it poses a win-win situation for all involved.

**3.2 Tom Barnes, Women's Track and Field Head Coach** – This is the 5<sup>th</sup> season of outdoor and 4<sup>th</sup> season of indoor track and field. Forty-two athletes are participating this year (2<sup>nd</sup> highest participants of all NMU sports). Of primary issue: the teams have no permanent locker room space and Coach Barnes asked that the AC discuss possible options.

**3.3 Dr. Les Wong, NMU President** – Dr. Wong suggested that the AC become involved in reviewing the Campus Master Plan, especially portions that consider athletic areas and noted that he has become more involved with NCAA and GLIAC activities. He commented on performance of NMU athletes, and said that he is especially proud of NMU's athletes aggregate GPA.

**4. Chair's Report (Rochester)**

**4.1 Committee on Compliance Report** – No report.

**4.2 Executive Committee Report** – Cheryl Teeters has been appointed to the AC by the Provost.

**4.2.1 Nov. 2, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.** – Next meeting.

**4.3 Committee on Sportsmanship Report** – No report.

**4.4 Athletic Council Presence/Attendance at Athletic Events**

**4.4.1 Football (Rochester)** – Not for a lack of trying, but we will not be attending a football game as a council this year.

**4.4.2 Ice Hockey (Godfrey)** – Suite #14 has been reserved for AC members for Saturday's game versus the U of M.

- 4.5 **Operating Code/Bylaws/Policies & Procedures Revisions – Gadzinski moved, and Teichman, seconded to adopt the newly revised Bylaws and Policies and Procedures documents; passed unanimously.**
  - 4.5.1 **Athletic Council Website** (Rochester/Berube) – The site is up and running; look for it other “other links” on the Athletic Department web site.
- 4.6 **Tips for Faculty** (Rochester) – A hand-out was provided; this information will also be included in the next edition of *Advising Notes*.
5. **Athletic Director’s Report** (Godfrey) – A number of hand-outs were provided including one outlining the Athletic Department’s organization and one providing up-coming athletic events.
  - 5.1 **Fact Sheet for AC Members** (Godfrey) – As promised at the last meeting, a fact sheet was distributed for AC members outlining various NCAA and NMU information.
6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report** (Marschall/Elmore) – The SAAC has only had one meeting so far, but they are continuing a service project at Graveraet School (twice a week/one hour per day) during physical education classes.
  - 6.1 **Next Meeting – October, 21 – 6:00 p.m.**
7. **ASNMU Report** (Burns) – No report.
8. **Old Business**
  - 8.1 **Exit Interviews/Survey** (Rochester) – After brief discussion, it was determined that AC members should forward any comments, revisions, etc. to Rochester via e-mail.
    - 8.1.1 **Appointment of Committee** (Rochester) – The Executive Committee will serve as the group to bring revisions to the full committee.
9. **New Business**
  - 9.1 **Follow up – “Intercollegiate Athletics – Mission and Major Responsibilities” Document** (Godfrey) – To be discussed further at the next meeting.
  - 9.2 **Student-Athletic class/practice conflict (develop survey?)** – To be discussed further at the next meeting.
    - 9.2.1 **Presentation to Deans/Department Heads/Directors** (Rochester) – Chair Rochester commented that the presentation went well, but that there were some items that were not necessarily positive.
  - 9.3 **Community Engagement and Athletics** (Godfrey) – Information was covered during Athletic Director Report.
  - 9.4 **NCAA Legislative Process and Update** (Berube) – A hand-out was provided outlining the process.
  - 9.5 **NCAA Legislation Proposals** (Rochester) – The legislation document was distributed and members were asked to be prepared to discuss the measures at the next meeting.
  - 9.6 **Coaches Receiving Information on Academic Probation** (Berube) – Coaches will be provided the necessary information each semester.
  - 9.7 **NCAA Internship Program Nominations** (Rochester) – A hand-out was distributed outlining the program and nominations.
  - 9.8 **Fall Top VIII Awards** (Rochester) – A hand-out was provided.
  - 9.9 **NCAA Division I Academic Progress Rate – APR** (Berube) – Tabled for a future meeting.
10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**
  - 10.1 **Upcoming Athletic Events** – A hand-out was previously distributed during AD’s Report.
  - 10.2 **GLIAC Meeting – October 30, 2007** – The FAR, AD, and Compliance Officer are all required to attend this event.

- 10.3 **CHAMPS Life-Skills Lecture Series** – The series is a set of presentations for athletes; Michigan Law, effects of alcohol, and personal finance are the three subjects.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting: **Friday, November 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m., 3301 Hedgcock**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski  
Athletic Council Secretary