

Athletic Council Minutes

November 2, 2007

Members Present: Jim Anderson, Bridget Berube, Aaron Burns (ASNMU), Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Amelia (Mimi) Marschall (SAAC), Julie Rochester (Chair), Brandon Sager, Cheryl Teeters, Jon Teichman, Renxin Yang

Members Excused: Dave Faiella, Robert Fleming, Steve Specker, Dennis Stanek

Members Absent: Mike Rotundo, Mike Truscott

Guests: Dominic Yoder, Women's Volleyball Head Coach; Brandon Sager, Engineering and Planning (representing the Campus Master Plan Committee)

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by chair Rochester.

1. **Approval of Agenda (with additions)**
2. **Approval of October 19, 2007 Minutes (Sager/Marschall)**
3. **Guest Presentations**
 - 3.1 Dominic Yoder, Women's Volleyball Head Coach – Coach Yoder talked about the teams record (18-11 Overall/12-5 GLIAC) and that he was pleased to be at NMU with the caliber and attitude of his athletes. He raised two concerns: a) the amount of missed classes (he mentioned that the GLIAC is looking into only Friday and Saturday matches), and b) the problem with practice time conflicting with classes only offered once a semester.
 - 3.2 Brandon Sager, Engineering and Planning (representing the Campus Master Plan Committee) – Sager provided a handout and reviewed the Campus Master Plan in regards to athletic facilities and areas.
4. **Chair's Report**
 - 4.1 **Committee on Compliance Report** (Rochester) – No Report.
 - 4.2 **Executive Committee Report** (Rochester) – No Report.
 - 4.2.1 **Change in Committee Membership** (Rochester) – Marschall will be replaced on the committee by Berube.
 - 4.3 **Committee on Sportsmanship Report** (Rochester) – No Report.
 - 4.4 **FAR Meeting with Coaches/Student-Athletes** (Rochester)
 - 4.4.1 **Swimming and Diving** (Rochester) – Has met with the team.
 - 4.4.2 **Skiing** (Rochester) – Meeting with the team (last one) on November 6th.
 - 4.5 **Athletic Council Website** (Rochester) – Up and running. Any problems or comments may be directed to Rochester and/or Berube.
 - 4.6 **GLIAC Meeting Re-Cap** (Rochester) – Godfrey, Berube and Rochester attended the event in Gaylord. Topics included the status of the current Commissioner, approval of sports schedules, and NCAA DII legislation.
 - 4.7 **FARA Annual Meeting and Symposium November 8-10** (Rochester) – Will be attending in Baltimore.
5. **Athletic Director's Report** (Godfrey)
 - 5.1 Discussion continues in regards to permanent locker room space for track and field, skiing, and cross-country. The teams are not opposed to doing fund-raising for locker rooms.
 - 5.2 Every three years the NCAA visits NMU to complete an audit. The audit team will be here on the 12th or 13th.

- 5.3 Soccer – Participating in the GLIAC Tournament and faces Grand Valley today.
 - 5.4 Volleyball – Currently in 2nd place in the GLIAC North Division and will be hosting a playoff game on November 7th.
 - 5.5 Cross-Country is currently at a meet in Edwardsville, IL.
 - 5.6 This weekend the hockey team places Miami (OH), ranked #1 in the country.
 - 5.7 Football is on the road to Gannon.
 - 5.8 Men's and Women's Basketball have begun practice.
 - 5.9 Swimming and Diving have also begun their season.
 - 5.10 Comments regarding the hockey radio broadcasts have not been positive and discussion is on-going.
 - 5.11 The President has agreed to continue the swimming and diving program for another year.
6. **ASNMU Report (Burns)** – Although no report was made, discussion regarding student attendance at athletic events ensued.
7. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report (Marschall)** – The SAAC has finalized their plans for the community service project at Graveraet School.
8. **Old Business**
 - 8.1 **Exit Interviews/Survey (Rochester)** – Rochester encourages all members to provide feedback via e-mail regarding the survey instrument.
 - 8.2 **NCAA Legislation (Rochester)** – Due to time constraints, the AC only completed review of the first half of the proposed legislation. Results, including SAAC recommendations, are as follows:
 - 8.2.1 No. 2-1: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
 - 8.2.2 No. 2-2: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
 - 8.2.3 No. 2-3: SAAC = **Oppose** / AC = **Oppose**
 - 8.2.4 No. 2-4: SAAC = **Abstain** / AC = Support
 - 8.2.5 No. 2-5: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
 - 8.2.6 No. 2-6: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
 - 8.2.7 No. 2-7: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
 - 8.2.8 No. 2-8: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
 - 8.2.9 No. 2-9: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
 - 8.2.10 No. 2-10: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
 - 8.2.11 No. 2-11: SAAC = Support / AC = **Undecided**
 - 8.3 **Class/Practice Conflicts (Rochester)** – Discussion regarding registration problems led to the idea of a single recommendation to Dr. Wong regarding single-offerings during any given semester. Data on how many classes fall into this category will be collected before wording the recommendation.
9. **New Business**
 - 9.1 **NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarships/Internships**
 - 9.1.1 **Disseminating Information to Student-Athletes (Rochester)** – This information will be delivered to athletes today.
 - 9.2 **APP (Berube)** – The mandated Academic Progress Program Report provides information for the NCAA on how well NMU retains student-athletes and how many student-athletes are eligible to return. One point is awarded if a student-athlete is eligible to return and another is awarded if the student re-enrolls. If an institution falls below an acceptable level, the school can lose scholarships.
10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**
 - 10.1 **Letter to Tom Barnes (Rochester)** – Gadzinski will draft a letter to Tom Barnes and his Track & Field Team for winning an Academic All-America award.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting: **Friday, December 7, 2007, 10:00 a.m., 3301 Hedgcock**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski
Athletic Council Secretary