

Athletic Council Minutes

November 7, 2008

Members Present: Bridget Beerman, Ingrid Fjeldheim (SAAC), Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Carol Johnson, Kelly Reed, Julie Rochester (Chair), Steve Specker, Mike Truscott

Members Excused: Mike Rotundo, Brandon Sager, Dennis Stanek, Cheryl Teeters, Jon Teichman

Members Absent: Jessica Butina (ASNMU),

Guests: Dr. Les Wong (President); Mr. Jim Winkler (Head Athletic Trainer)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by chair Rochester.

1. **Approval of Agenda (Johnson/Gadzinski)** – delete item 6.1
2. **Approval of October 10, 2008 Minutes (Johnson/Fjeldheim)** – with corrections
3. **Guest Presentations**
 - 3.1 **Mr. Jim Winkler** – provided a handout and outlined the roles of NMU's Certified Athletic Trainers.
 - 3.2 **Dr. Les Wong** – The President discussed a number of issues:
 - 3.2.1 Proposed Human Performance Center
 - 3.2.2 President's Office/Foundation contacts with alumni, parents, donors, etc. and building relationships
 - 3.2.3 Impending budget decisions
 - 3.2.4 GLIAC Commissioner selection
 - 3.2.5 Student-athlete GPAs, how well they represent NMU
4. **Chair Report (Rochester)**
 - 4.1 **Committee on Compliance Report** – no report
 - 4.2 **Executive Committee Report from October 24, 2008** – committee met to develop today's agenda
 - 4.3 **Committee on Sportsmanship Report** – no report
 - 4.4 **FAR Fellows Institute Update** – Rochester attended the institute in Indianapolis and came away from some good ideas and networking opportunities
 - 4.5 **FARA Annual Meeting (San Diego/November)** – Rochester will be attending
 - 4.6 **GLIAC Meetings Update** – Rochester, Godfrey and Beerman all attended. Rochester described a few ATR issues that were discussed (e.g., host schools providing appropriate training staff).
 - 4.7 **Library Instruction Session for Student-Athletes** – On agenda for the next SAAC meeting
5. **Athletic Director's Report (Godfrey)**
 - 5.1 **Upcoming Athletic Department Events**
 - 5.1.1 **Volleyball** – the up-coming matches with Ferris and GVSU will determine whether or not we host a tournament game.
 - 5.1.2 **Cross-country Running** – Competing in Regionals this weekend at Ferris
 - 5.1.3 **Swimming** – Home meet versus U-W Oshkosh on Saturday
 - 5.1.4 **Football** – finishing their season in Indianapolis on Saturday
 - 5.2 **Men's BB Eligibility Issues** – Godfrey provided general information regarding an issue with some members of the men's team
 - 5.3 **Facility Improvements** – Godfrey is confident that some issues (e.g., locker room space) are being resolved
6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report (Fjeldheim)**
 - 6.1 **SAAC Conference Meeting** – Fjeldheim attended and reported that NMU is in line with other schools in regards to efforts put forth by SAAC

- 6.2 **Project Idea (Hockey Helmet Donations)** – this is a combined effort with SAAC, ASNMU and ATR students. Equipment donations will be collected at the hockey game on January 23rd.
7. **ASNMU Report** (Butina) – no report
8. **Old Business**
 - 8.1 **Course Offering Recommendation** (Rochester) – no report
 - 8.2 **Missed Class Policy** (Rochester) – no report
 - 8.3 **Faculty Sport Sponsorship Program** (Sager) – tabled until Sager is available
 - 8.4 **Faculty/Staff Attendance at Athletic Events** (Beerman) – some discussion was held, but only general in nature
9. **New Business**
 - 9.1 **NCAA DII Proposed Legislation** (Beerman) – Beerman provided an abbreviated list of the issues surrounding the legislation for AC members
 - 9.2 **Next AC Meeting** (Rochester) – most likely the December 5th AC Meeting will be re-scheduled for December 12th.
10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order** – none

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski
Athletic Council Secretary