

# **Athletic Council Minutes**

## **December 7, 2007**

**Members Present:** Jim Anderson, Bridget Berube, Aaron Burns (ASNMU), Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Amelia (Mimi) Marschall (SAAC), Julie Rochester (Chair), Mike Rotundo, Brandon Sager, Steve Specker, Jon Teichman, Mike Truscott, Renxin Yang

**Members Excused:** Dave Faiella, Ken Godfrey, Dennis Stanek

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Teeters

**Permanent Guest:** Chris Greer, Dean of Students

**Guests:** Troy Mattson, Head Women's Basketball Coach, and Brian Gaudreau, President, Wildcat Club

**The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by chair Rochester.**

1. **Approval of Agenda (with additions)**
2. **Approval of November 2, 2007 Minutes (Sager/Marschall)**
3. **Guest Presentations**
  - 3.1 Troy Mattson – Coach Mattson spoke about the program making strides to stabilize and become competitive again. He noted that, other than for some close calls, their record could be better than 3-4 (as stands) and that they need to learn how to win “big games.” He signed three recruits to replace athletes leaving after this season. Of the last four semesters, only one semester was his team's GPA below a 3.00.
  - 3.2 Brian Gaudreau – Brian provided a hand-out and spoke about the Wildcat Club. Notably: they have increased membership from 117 to 200, are committed to raising \$135-140,000 each year for athletics, are following more of a “service club” format, and have provided a social activity with/for each team at NMU except for cross-country skiing.
4. **Chair's Report (Rochester)**
  - 4.1 **Committee on Compliance Report** – No report.
  - 4.2 **Executive Committee Report**
    - 4.2.1 **November 30, 2007 Meeting** – The revision of the exit survey is continuing. All other issues discussed are part of this meeting's agenda.
  - 4.3 **Committee on Sportsmanship Report** – No report.
  - 4.4 **FARA Fall Forum Report** – Over 300 FAR's in attendance. Rochester had an opportunity to network, discuss NCAA legislation, and discuss possible GLIAC issues (e.g., By-Laws).
5. **Athletic Director's Report (Godfrey)** – No report.
6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report (Marschall)** – SAAC is working with ASNMU on a “volunteer auction” (funds raised got to ASNMU's child care fund and the SAAC) for January 24<sup>th</sup>. A number of coaches and administrators will be “auctioned.”
7. **ASNMU Report (Burns)** – ASNMU is working with the SAAC (see above) and has started discussion of the lack of student attendance at athletic events.
8. **Old Business**
  - 8.1 **Exit Interviews/Survey (Rochester)** – Work is on-going.

- 8.2 **NCAA Legislation** (Rochester) – Continued from last meeting...
    - 8.2.1 No. 2-12: SAAC = **Oppose** / AC = Support
    - 8.2.2 No. 2-13: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
    - 8.2.3 No. 2-14: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
    - 8.2.4 No. 2-15: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
    - 8.2.5 No. 2-16: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
    - 8.2.6 No. 2-17: SAAC = Support / AC = **Oppose**
    - 8.2.7 No. 2-18: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
    - 8.2.8 No. 2-19: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
    - 8.2.9 No. 2-20: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
    - 8.2.10 No. 2-21: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
    - 8.2.11 No. 2-22: SAAC = Support / AC = Support
  - 8.3 **Recommendation to President Wong Regarding Single Course Offerings** (Rochester) – Work is on-going; data has been retrieved and recommendation should be forthcoming.
  - 8.4 **Draft of Letter to Coach Tom Barnes and Track and Field Athletes** (Gadzinski) – The drafted letter was read and accepted. Rochester will send to Coach Barnes.
9. **New Business**
- 9.1 **NCAA Sports Wagering Study** (Rochester) – We will be participating in the study, but are waiting for approval from the Human Subjects Review Committee.
  - 9.2 **NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship Nomination** (Rochester/Berube) – We are waiting on an NCAA ruling before we can proceed.
  - 9.3 **NCAA Leadership Conference Nominees** (Rochester) – Derek May (international male), Brittany Buchanan (international female), Dan Elmore (domestic male), Ingrid Fjeldheim (domestic female) were all nominated. We will know if any have been selected in February.
10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**
- 10.1 **Up-Coming Athletic Events** (Berube)
    - 10.1.1 Cross-country Skiing have their only home meet on Saturday at 11:00 a.m.
    - 10.1.2 Men's and Women's Basketball are hosting Michigan Tech on Saturday.
    - 10.1.3 Track & Field open their season today (Friday) at SVSU.
  - 10.2 **NCAA Convention – January 11-14, 2008** (Rochester) – Several staff and the FAR will attend.
  - 10.3 **Ice Hockey versus Notre Dame** (Rochester) – Chair Rochester is trying to reserve a box or two for games on January 4 and 5, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting: **Friday, January 25, 2008, 10:00 a.m., 3301 Hedgcock**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski  
Athletic Council Secretary