

# Athletic Council Minutes

## February 15, 2008

**Members Present:** Aaron Burns (ASNMU), Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Julie Rochester (Chair), Brandon Sager, Steve Specker, Mike Truscott

**Members Excused:** Jim Anderson, Bridget Berube, Dave Faiella, Amelia (Mimi) Marschall (SAAC), Mike Rotundo, Dennis Stanek, Renxin Yang

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Teeters, Jon Teichman

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

**Guests:** Dan Elmore, student-athlete representing SAAC for Marschall, and Christine Larson, representing Financial Aid for Rotundo

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

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of January 25, 2008 Minutes (Sager/Specker)**
3. **Guest Presentations** – none.
4. **Chair's Report** (Rochester)
  - 4.1 **Committee on Compliance Report** – no report.
  - 4.2 **Executive Committee Report** – no report.
  - 4.3 **Committee on Sportsmanship Report** (Godfrey) – will be scheduling a meeting in April or May.
  - 4.4 **Nomination for NCAA Infractions Committee** (Rochester) – Chair Rochester has nominated herself to serve on the committee and will let the AC know if she has been selected.
5. **Athletic Director's Report** (Godfrey)
  - 5.1 **Facilities**
    - 5.1.1 **Locker Facilities for Cross-Country and Skiing** – A meeting with the President will be held soon and one discussion item is the possibility of providing the needed locker room(s).
    - 5.1.2 **PEIF Pool** – Although no definitive plan has been developed, the issue of refurbishing/replacing the pool is still under consideration.
    - 5.1.3 **Berry Events Center**
      - 5.1.3.1 **Ice Cover Flooring** – The flooring used to cover the ice sheet for basketball games is in need of refurbishment or replacement.
      - 5.1.3.2 **Basketball Floor** – It appears that the floor will only withstand one more refinishing before it will need to be replaced.
    - 5.1.4 **Superior Dome** – A tear in the turf was reported and is being repaired.
  - 5.2 **Budget** – Even though revenue for tickets and clubs is down, Godfrey is not planning to raise ticket prices for next year and is looking into possibilities for “family packages.”
  - 5.3 **Personnel** – Dan Mettlach has been hired to fill the vacant assistant football coach's position. The selection process for the football Defensive Coordinator is still underway.
  - 5.4 **Sports Update**
    - 5.4.1 **Swimming and Diving** – Competing this weekend in regional competition in Indiana.
    - 5.4.2 **Basketball** – Both women and men host SVSU this Saturday.
    - 5.4.3 **Ice Hockey** – Playing at Ohio State this weekend.
    - 5.4.4 **Skiing** – Participating in the NCAA Regionals in Minnesota this weekend.
    - 5.4.5 **Indoor Track** – At CMU this weekend.

6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report** (Elmore for Marschall) – Recently completed first meeting of the new year and discussed:
  - 6.1 **Superior Edge** – While the SAAC supports the idea, they didn't find it practical for student-athletes who have already been at NMU. A concern was that prospective employers have no idea what the Superior Edge entails. They will do their best to entice new student-athletes to participate.
  - 6.2 **Second Annual Athlete Social** – Are looking to repeat an event like last year's dodge ball activity.
7. **ASNMU Report** (Burns) – no report.
8. **Old Business**
  - 8.1 **Exit Interviews/Survey** (Rochester) – will continue discussion and development of survey tool at the next Executive Committee meeting.
  - 8.2 **Recommendation to President Wong Regarding Single Course Offerings** (Rochester) – The AC agreed to language in the proposal. Rochester will forward to Dr. Wong and Dr. Koch.
  - 8.3 **NCAA Wagering Study** (Rochester) – Both the volleyball and soccer teams (selected by the NCAA to participate) completed the survey. Rochester provided a copy of the survey for AC members to review.
  - 8.4 **NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship Nominees** (Rochester) – One student-athlete will be applying for an award (deadline is March 20<sup>th</sup>).
9. **New Business**
  - 9.1 **Degree Completion Award Program** (Rochester) – This scholarship may be awarded to athletes after their eligibility has been exhausted and their athletic scholarship has ended. Athletes have been provided with this information through the Athletic Department.
  - 9.2 **Assistant Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator Search** (Godfrey) – see Athletic Director's Report.
  - 9.3 **NCAA Video – Division II Strategic Positioning/Community Engagement & Division II Public Service Announcements and Feature Stories** (Rochester) – The committee viewed three portions of the NCAA production, "I Chose Division II." The video speaks to direction in which DII is moving, philosophy, etc.
  - 9.4 **Division II Community Engagement Award** (Rochester) – Handout on the award was provided.
10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**
  - 10.1 **Up-Coming Athletic Events** (Godfrey) – see Athletic Director's Report.
  - 10.2 **Athletic Council at NMU Hockey 2/23** (Rochester) – A head count was taken for tickets. All AC members are invited to attend.
  - 10.3 **Article of Interest – Athletics Recruiting and Academic Values: Enhancing Transparency, Spreading Risk, and Improving Practice** (Rochester) – A link was sent via e-mail to this article.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Next Executive Committee meeting: **Friday, February 29, 2008, 10:00 a.m., 3301 Hedgcock**  
Next Athletic Council meeting: **Friday, March 21, 2008, 10:00 a.m., 3301 Hedgcock**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski  
Athletic Council Secretary