

Athletic Council Minutes

March 27, 2009

Members Present: Bridget Beerman, Ingrid Fjeldheim (SAAC), Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Kelly Reed, Julie Rochester (Chair), Mike Rotundo, Jon Teichman, Mike Truscott

Members Excused: Carol Johnson, Brandon Sager

Members Absent: Jessica Butina (ASNMU), Robert Fleming, Steve Specker, Dennis Stanek, Cheryl Teeters

Guests: None

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

1. **Approval of Agenda (Teichman/Truscott)** – with revision
2. **Approval of January 30, 2009 Minutes (Rotundo/Truscott)**
3. **Guest Presentations** - None
4. **Chair Report** (Rochester)
 - 4.1 **Committee on Compliance** – no report
 - 4.2 **Executive Committee** – no report
 - 4.3 **Committee on Sportsmanship** – no report
 - 4.3.1 **GLIAC Sportsmanship Award** – NMU coaches have been asked to participate in this new program by ‘nominating’ the top three schools that they visited this year in regards to sportsmanship. Nominations (‘votes’) must be in by May 15th.
5. **Athletic Director’s Report (Godfrey)**
 - 5.1 **Schedules for Next Year** – although some conflicts still exist with MBB and MIH, the schedules should be ready for AC approval at its May 8th meeting.
 - 5.2 **Budget** – the budget situation is still not clear and will not be until after decisions are made in Lansing.
 - 5.3 **Video Streaming Live Games** – this spring¹, the contract with B2 will be coming to a close. The department is very satisfied with B2 and the quality; it is looking for other ways to contain costs while still providing live coverage.
 - 5.4 **Coaching Vacancy** – the volleyball team is currently seeking applicants for the assistant coach vacancy.
 - 5.5 **Revenue Opportunities** – Godfrey discussed various fund-raising opportunities, including up-coming golf outings and asked AC members to make contact with sponsors, individuals, etc., to maximize these opportunities.
 - 5.6 **Up-Coming Meetings** – attendance is still undetermined, but meetings include the Regional Rules Seminar, the CCHA (April 19-21), GLIAC (June 1-2) and the NCAA Game Environment Meeting.
 - 5.7 **Sports Teams Currently Competing** – Track & Field, Volleyball, and Golf are still in competition.
 - 5.8 **Sports Banquets and Year-end Activities** – all banquets and year-end activities are posted to the Athletics home page.
 - 5.9 **Signage** – Godfrey presented concepts for signage for all of campus, including sports areas.
 - 5.10 **Call Center (Development Opportunities)** – fund-raising calling will begin in May and, again, will be sport-by-sport. Athletes are being sought to help with the campaigns.
 - 5.11 **Ice Hockey Conference Discussions** – after much discussion and a lot of rumors, the decision has been made that NMU will remain in the CCHA.

¹Spring, in Marquette, is noted in relative, not calendar, terms. Spring is, therefore, defined by no snow in the forecast and temperatures above freezing (0°C), usually, but not always, consistent with late May or early June.

6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report** (Fjeldheim) – no report
7. **ASNMU Report** (Butina) – no report
8. **Old Business**
 - 8.1 **Faculty Sport Sponsorship Program** (Sager) – no report
 - 8.2 **Faculty Attendance at Athletic Events** (Johnson) – no report
 - 8.3 **Exit Surveys** (Rochester) – showed the on-line survey, how results may be viewed, etc.
 - 8.4 **Recognition of Student Athlete Achievements** (Teichman) – after some discussion, Teichman will visit with Dave Fialla to discuss options for recognition. Teichman noted that the Communications Office must ‘manage’ all communications and that he was already in contact with representatives from that office.
 - 8.5 **Development of Community Engagement Committee** (Rochester) – no report
9. **New Business**
 - 9.1 **CCHA Meeting – April, 2009** (Rochester) – see 5.6 above
 - 9.2 **New GLIAC Commissioner** (Beerman) – Del Robinson has been selected as the new GLIAC Commissioner and will assume his duties at the end of May/early June².
 - 9.3 **GLIAC Transfer Rule** (Rochester) – the GLIAC FARs has entered into a discussion centered on student-athletes who have graduated from one GLIAC school ‘transferring’ to another GLIAC school (with eligibility still remaining in their sport) to begin graduate studies. The NCAA allows this type of ‘automatic’ transfer without loss of eligibility, waiver, or having to sit out for a year, but the GLIAC does not. Rochester will be continuing to participate in the FAR discussions.
10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**

²To coincide with the beginning of spring in Marquette (see footnote 1 above).

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski
Athletic Council Secretary