

Athletic Council Minutes

March 28, 2008

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

Members Excused: Dave Faiella, Steve Specker, Mike Truscott

Members Absent: Dennis Stanek

Permanent Guest: Chris Greer, Dean of Students

Guests: Dr. Les Wong, President, Northern Michigan University

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

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of February 15, 2008 Minutes (Sager/Burns)**
3. **Guest Presentations** – Dr. Les Wong, NMU President – Dr. Wong described the “Road Map to 2015” and discussed the importance of athletics within the plan. The Road Map will, hopefully, be a guide to success for NMU and athletics definitely plays a role.
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** – No Report.
5. **Athletic Director’s Report (Godfrey)**
 - 5.1 **Fastpitch Softball** – A decision whether or not NMU will pursue this option will be made in the near future.
 - 5.2 **Wildcat Golf Outing** – Scheduled for June 19th.
 - 5.3 **Budget** – Unexpected/unbudgeted costs for travel, equipment, and maintenance, in addition to some revenues being down, are contributing to budget difficulties.
 - 5.4 **Athletic Banquet** – Scheduled for Sunday, April 6th.
 - 5.5 **Athletic Events** – Although sports are winding down, on April 19th the football team plays its spring game and the volleyball team is playing LSSU as fund-raiser for both schools.
 - 5.6 **Social Gatherings at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit** – Quite well attended and very successful gatherings were held for the CCHA finals.
 - 5.7 **Individual Sports Banquets** – Most scheduled for April.
 - 5.8 **Fall Fest Activity** – Godfrey has completed the nomination process for this event to gain some recognition from the NCAA.
6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report (Marschall)** – SAAC will be holding the 2nd annual all-athlete dodge ball tournament in April and are looking at plans to coordinate a 5K/10K fund-raiser with the Student Athletic Trainer Organization (SATO).
7. **ASNMU Report (Burns)** – No Report.
8. **Old Business**
 - 8.1 **Exit Interviews/Survey (Rochester)** – We have gained approval from the Human Subjects Review Committee and are working to provide the survey on-line for students exiting their sport this semester.
 - 8.2 **NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship Nominees (Rochester)** – One student attempted to gain nomination, but she missed the deadline.
 - 8.3 **NCAA Degree Completion Award Program (Rochester)** – Fourteen athletes are in the process of completing their applications; three will be forwarded for the NCAA award and the remaining athletes will be granted NMU awards.
 - 8.4 **SAAC/SATO Fund-Raiser** – See SAAC Report above.

9. **New Business**

9.1 **Preparation of Year-End Report** (Rochester) – The report will be completed and submitted in May.

9.2 **NMU Alumnus to Serve on AC** (Rochester) – At the close of his term this spring, Jim Anderson will be leaving the Athletic Council. Rochester thanked him for his support over the past years on the AC. Nominees for Anderson's replacement may be forwarded to Rochester.

9.3 **NCAA Leadership Conference** – Of the four student athletes nominated by NMU for the conference, two have been selected to participate – Brittany Buchanon and Derek May (both International students).

10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**

10.1 **CCHA Conference** – Rochester will be attending.

10.2 **NCAA Regional Rules Convention** – Rochester will be attending.

10.3 **University Sports Hall of Fame** – Berube described the nomination/selection process.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Next Executive Committee meeting: **Friday, April 11, 2008, 10:00 a.m., 3301 Hedgcock**

Next Athletic Council meeting: **Friday, March 18, 2008, 10:00 a.m., 3301 Hedgcock**

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski
Athletic Council Secretary