

# Athletic Council Minutes

## May 1, 2009

**Members Present:** Bridget Beerman, Ingrid Fjeldheim (SAAC), Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Carol Johnson, Julie Rochester (Chair), Brandon Sager, Steve Specker, Cheryl Teeters, Mike Truscott

**Members Excused:** Kelly Reed, Mike Rotundo, Dennis Stanek

**Members Absent:** Jessica Butina (ASNMU), Jon Teichman

**Guests:** Christine Larson (for Mike Rotundo)

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by chair Rochester.

1. **Approval of Agenda (Teeters/Johnson)**
2. **Approval of April 17, 2009 Minutes (Teeters/Johnson)**
3. **Guest Presentations** – none.
4. **Chair Report (Rochester)**
  - 4.1 **Committee on Compliance** – Meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - 4.2 **Executive Committee** – did not meet.
  - 4.3 **Committee on Sportsmanship (Rochester)**
  - 4.4 **CCHA Meeting (Rochester)** – Rochester, Godfrey and Steve Reed attended the meeting in Naples, FL. [Editor's Note: Why in Naples?]
    - 4.4.1 **Alabama-Huntsville Application to CCHA (Rochester)** – Although A-H doesn't have a reputation as a good hockey program, they will be awarded an executive committee site visit.
    - 4.4.2 **WMU Travel Incident (Godfrey)** – During the season, bad weather forced WMU to rearrange their return travel plans and the costs were extraordinary. The CCHA voted not to assist WMU with travel expenses incurred. AC discussion centered on how we would cope with a similar problem and whether or not the CCHA has any plan for assistance in emergencies.
5. **Athletic Director's Report (Godfrey)**
  - 5.1 **Up-coming Athletic Department Events** – Track championships are this weekend, but all other sports have completed their seasons.
6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report (Fjeldheim)** – Fjeldheim reported that Sunday's award banquet was very nice (and the ice cream was a nice touch). She thanked the AC members who were able to attend the function.
7. **ASNMU Report (Butina)** – no report.
8. **Old Business**
  - 8.1 **Recognition of Student Athlete Achievements (Teichman)** – no report.
  - 8.2 **Athletic Council Goals for 2009-2010 (Rochester)** – Any additional ideas can be e-mailed to Rochester.
  - 8.3 **Assistant VB Coach Search Update (Rochester)** – the top candidate withdrew from the process and the committee has selected another candidate. They are awaiting approval from HR to offer the position to the next candidate.
9. **New Business**
  - 9.1 **Athletic Schedule for 2009-2010 (Rochester)** – the schedule was unanimously approved (**Teeters/Specker**). One exception was granted with the approval – soccer will miss 9 days of school in the fall semester versus the usual 8 days for unavoidable circumstances.
  - 9.2 **AC Report to Dr. Wong (Rochester)** – AC members provided suggestions of issues that need to be provided special emphasis by Rochester when she meets next week with the President.
  - 9.3 **AC Meeting Schedule for Next Year (Rochester)** – after some negotiation, it was determined that the AC will meet on Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. Dates will be forthcoming.
10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**

- 10.1 **Athlete Exit Surveys** (Sager) – discussion revolved around comments from athletes collected in the survey and how those comments are used with the coaches.
- 10.2 **Thank You, Bob Fleming** (Rochester) – Rochester, along with the rest of the AC, thanked Fleming for his many years of service and commitment. (Bob has been on the AC so long that no one – not even Bob – can remember when he first began serving on the committee!)
- 10.3 **Nice Job, Athletic Department** (Johnson) – Johnson thanked the athletic department for the fine job they did this year with the awards banquet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski  
Athletic Council Secretary