

# **Athletic Council Minutes**

## **April 17, 2009**

**Members Present:** Bridget Beerman, Ingrid Fjeldheim (SAAC), Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Kelly Reed, Julie Rochester (Chair), Brandon Sager, Steve Specker, Dennis Stanek, Cheryl Teeters, Mike Truscott

**Members Excused:** Ken Godfrey, Carol Johnson, Mike Rotundo

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

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

**The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by chair Rochester.**

1. **Approval of Agenda**
2. **Approval of March 27, 2009 Minutes (Truscott/Fjeldheim)**
3. **Guest Presentations** – none.
4. **Chair Report** (Rochester)
  - 4.1 **Committee on Compliance** – Beerman suggested (actually, was adamant) that the committee convene a meeting in the near future.
  - 4.2 **Executive Committee** – did not meet.
  - 4.3 **Committee on Sportsmanship** (Rochester)
    - 4.3.1 **GLIAC Sportsmanship Award** – the NCAA is still soliciting nominations from coaches.
5. **Athletic Director's Report** (Godfrey)
  - 5.1 **Up-coming Athletic Department Events** – Beerman reviewed all the end-of-year banquet information (see Athletic Department web site for details) and mentioned Saturday's spring football game at 4 p.m.
  - 5.2 **Banquets** – see above.
6. **Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report** (Fjeldheim) – no new information to report/next SAAC meeting is this coming Sunday.
7. **ASNMU Report** (Butina) – no report.
8. **Old Business**
  - 8.1 **Faculty Sport Sponsorship Program** (Sager) – still attempting to convene a meeting.
  - 8.2 **Faculty Attendance at Athletic Events** (Johnson) – no report.
  - 8.3 **Exit Surveys** (Rochester) – still on-going, but 28 athletes (an all-time record) have already completed the electronic survey. Rochester will be sending an e-mail summer to all AC members.
  - 8.4 **NCAA Research Study – Football** (Rochester) – the Human Subjects Review Committee did not approve the use of the survey instrument. That, combined with the short time frame before athletes leave campus, means that NMU will not be participating in the study.
  - 8.5 **Recognition of Student Athlete Achievements** (Teichman) – no report.
9. **New Business**
  - 9.1 **CCHA Meeting – April, 2009** (Rochester) – Rochester, Godfrey, Steve Reed, and hockey coaching staff will be attending the meeting.
    - 9.1.1 **Status of CCHA Academic Award** (Rochester) – some discrepancies were noted in the criteria for this award. Rochester provided a listing and discussion ensued. The AC membership offered suggestions.
    - 9.1.2 **NMU and CCHA** (Rochester) – NMU will be remaining in the CCHA.
  - 9.2 **Athletic Council Goals for 2009-20100** (All) – discussion regarded issues ranging from future presenters (e.g., student-athletes) to attendance at games (including SAAC involvement in soliciting students to attend games, surveying faculty to determine barriers to attendance, etc.) to continuing to investigate recognition of student-athletes achievements to continuing to pursue community engagement activities. Rochester will accept additional ideas from AC membership via e-mail.

- 9.3 **Athletic Schedule for 2009-2010** (Rochester) – will approve at the next meeting (May 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00 a.m.).
  - 9.4 **Assistant VB Coach Search Update** (Rochester) – from a pool of about 26 applicants, the committee narrowed the finalists to 4, and now to 2 candidates for the position.
  - 9.5 **NCAA DII Infractions Committee** (Rochester) – will be attending a committee meeting in early June in Indianapolis.
  - 9.6 **AC Membership** (Rochester) – the terms of two faculty members (Fleming, Teeters) are up at the conclusion of this year. Each has been asked to consider continued membership.
10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order** – none.

**NOTE:** The next meeting date has been changed to **Friday, May 1, at 8:00 a.m., in 3301 Hedgcock.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski  
Athletic Council Secretary