Athletic Council Minutes  
January 30, 2009

Members Present: Bridget Beerman, Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Carol Johnson, Kelly Reed, Julie Rochester (Chair), Mike Rotundo, Brandon Sager, Dennis Stanek, Jon Teichman, Mike Truscott

Members Excused: Ingrid Fjeldheim (SAAC), Steve Specker, Cheryl Teeters

Members Absent: Jessica Butina (ASNMU)

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by chair Rochester.

1. Approval of Agenda (Stanek/Johnson)
2. Approval of December 12, 2008 Minutes (Stanek/Johnson)
3. Guest Presentations - None
4. Chair Report (Rochester)
   4.1 Committee on Compliance – No report.
   4.2 Executive Committee – Met last Friday to formulate agenda.
   4.3 Committee on Sportsmanship – A recent incident at a MSU versus U-M hockey game brought out discussion regarding this committee's role and NMU's policies in the event an incident occurs here. The AC agreed that all reasonable steps are being taken.
5. Athletic Director's Report (Godfrey)
   5.1 Upcoming Athletic Events – Hockey is away at WMU, we host GVSU in basketball this weekend, home track and field on Saturday (men and women competitions even though we only field a women's team), swimming and diving also hosting this Saturday. It is Senior Day for both track and field and swimming and diving teams.
   5.2 Wildcat Willy Birthday Bash – About 500-600 people attended the event and approximately 75 student athletes were on hand to help connect with the community.
   5.3 NFL Pre-Season Training Camp – Godfrey is pursuing NFL teams, especially the St. Louis Rams, to bring a training camp here. He is not optimistic.
   5.4 Turf Replacement – Details are still being finalized on the turf and rolling system.
   5.5 University of British Columbia – Godfrey has had contact with officials from UBC interested in information regarding membership in the CCHA.
   5.6 GLIAC Meeting – Beerman and Dr. Wong are representing NMU on the selection committee for a new commissioner.
   5.7 GLIAC Growth – Two new schools, Erie and Old Dominion (Ohio), are being courted to join the GLIAC. If so, a north and south division could be realized. Godfrey sees that as an advantage in keeping travel expenses in line.
   5.8 Budget Situation – Athletics is working on budget reductions as outlined by the institution.
6. Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report (Fjeldheim) – Beerman reported (for Fjeldheim) that the SAAC is meeting this coming Sunday.
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) – Johnson has agreed to provide leadership to this effort.
   8.3 NCAA Legislation Results (Rochester) – Reviewed final results of legislation.
   8.4 SATO/SAAC Teaching Family Homes (Rochester) – Collected “gently used” hockey equipment at last weekend’s hockey games. All equipment is checked by SATO before being given to TFH to ensure that equipment is safe.
8.5 **Exit Surveys** (Rochester) – The surveys are up and running and data is being collected electronically. Rochester will provide an update on results at the next meeting.

8.6 **GLIAC Meeting Updates** (Rochester)
   8.6.1 **Sportsmanship Award** – NMU coaches were provided with forms to nominate schools in the GLIAC for the award (cannot vote for their own school).
   8.6.2 **AT Minimum Standards** – Rochester, along with other FARs, has volunteered to develop minimum athletic training standards for GLIAC events.

9. **New Business**
   9.1 **Athletics Forum** (Rochester) – Tabled.
   9.2 **Mystudentbody.com** (Rochester) – Beerman and Rochester will review the materials associated with this program and report to the committee at a later date.
   9.3 **Miles Brand Report: State of the Association 2009** (Rochester) – Hard copies of the report are available and/or you may view the report on the AC web site.
   9.4 **FAR/AC Report to the Academic Senate** (Rochester) – Rochester will include the following in her remarks: athlete academic performance, APR and GSR data, grade reports, DII philosophy, scholarship breakdowns by sport, and community service activities.
   9.5 **Recognition of Student Athlete Academic Achievement** (Rochester) – Teichman, Rochester, Godfrey and Gadzinski will meet to discuss recognition ideas and options.
   9.6 **NCAA Research/Drug and Alcohol Study** (Rochester) – NMU football team has been selected to participate. A random sampling of football players will be asked to complete the survey by May 5th.
   9.7 **Development of Community Engagement Committee** (Rochester) – Tabled.

10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order**
   10.1 **Items to be Included on AC Web Site** (Rochester/Beerman) – NCAA Perceived Barriers/Gender Equity in College Coaching and Administration document, Miles Brand Report, and NCAA DII Strategic Plan will be added to the site.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski
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