Athletic Council Minutes  
November 7, 2008

Members Present: Bridget Beerman, Ingrid Fjeldheim (SAAC), Robert Fleming, Jim Gadzinski, Ken Godfrey, Carol Johnson, Kelly Reed, Julie Rochester (Chair), Steve Specker, Mike Truscott

Members Excused: Mike Rotundo, Brandon Sager, Dennis Stanek, Cheryl Teeters, Jon Teichman

Members Absent: Jessica Butina (ASNMU),

Guests: Dr. Les Wong (President); Mr. Jim Winkler (Head Athletic Trainer)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by chair Rochester.

1. Approval of Agenda (Johnson/Gadzinski) – delete item 6.1
2. Approval of October 10, 2008 Minutes (Johnson/Fjeldheim) – with corrections
3. Guest Presentations
   3.1 Mr. Jim Winkler – provided a handout and outlined the roles of NMU’s Certified Athletic Trainers.
   3.2 Dr. Les Wong – The President discussed a number of issues:
      3.2.1 Proposed Human Performance Center
      3.2.2 President’s Office/Foundation contacts with alumni, parents, donors, etc. and building relationships
      3.2.3 Impending budget decisions
      3.2.4 GLIAC Commissioner selection
      3.2.5 Student-athlete GPAs, how well they represent NMU
4. Chair Report (Rochester)
   4.1 Committee on Compliance Report – no report
   4.2 Executive Committee Report from October 24, 2008 – committee met to develop today’s agenda
   4.3 Committee on Sportsmanship Report – no report
   4.4 FAR Fellows Institute Update – Rochester attended the institute in Indianapolis and came away from some good ideas and networking opportunities
   4.5 FARA Annual Meeting (San Diego/November) – Rochester will be attending
   4.6 GLIAC Meetings Update – Rochester, Godfrey and Beerman all attended. Rochester described a few ATR issues that were discussed (e.g., host schools providing appropriate training staff).
   4.7 Library Instruction Session for Student-Athletes – On agenda for the next SAAC meeting
5. Athletic Director’s Report (Godfrey)
   5.1 Upcoming Athletic Department Events
      5.1.1 Volleyball – the up-coming matches with Ferris and GVSU will determine whether or not we host a tournament game.
      5.1.2 Cross-country Running – Competing in Regionals this weekend at Ferris
      5.1.3 Swimming – Home meet versus U-W Oshkosh on Saturday
      5.1.4 Football – finishing their season in Indianapolis on Saturday
   5.2 Men’s BB Eligibility Issues – Godfrey provided general information regarding an issue with some members of the men’s team
   5.3 Facility Improvements – Godfrey is confident that some issues (e.g., locker room space) are being resolved
6. Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Report (Fjeldheim)
   6.1 SAAC Conference Meeting – Fjeldheim attended and reported that NMU is in line with other schools in regards to efforts put forth by SAAC
6.2 **Project Idea (Hockey Helmet Donations)** – this is a combined effort with SAAC, ASNMU and ATR students. Equipment donations will be collected at the hockey game on January 23rd.

7. **ASNMU Report** (Butina) – no report

8. **Old Business**
   8.1 **Course Offering Recommendation** (Rochester) – no report
   8.2 **Missed Class Policy** (Rochester) – no report
   8.3 **Faculty Sport Sponsorship Program** (Sager) – tabled until Sager is available
   8.4 **Faculty/Staff Attendance at Athletic Events** (Beerman) – some discussion was held, but only general in nature

9. **New Business**
   9.1 **NCAA DII Proposed Legislation** (Beerman) – Beerman provided an abbreviated list of the issues surrounding the legislation for AC members
   9.2 **Next AC Meeting** (Rochester) – most likely the December 5th AC Meeting will be re-scheduled for December 12th.

10. **Open Discussion/Good of the Order** – none

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gadzinski
Athletic Council Secretary