From: Charles C. Remsen, Chair
UWM Athletic Board

Re: Annual Report to the Faculty

The Athletic Board met ten times during the academic year with the first regularly scheduled meeting held on September 8, 1995, and the last regularly scheduled meeting held on May 10, 1996. Included in these nine meetings was a special meeting on October 20, 1995 with John LeCrone, Midwest Collegiate Conference (MCC) Commissioner. On behalf of the Athletic Board, the Chair also briefly addressed student athletes and the athletic staff at the annual Student-Athlete Fall Meeting on October 3, 1995.

In December, long-time Faculty Athletic Representative, Dr. William Raabe stepped down and was succeeded by Dr. Rita Cheng, also of the Business School. UWM athletics has benefited greatly from Dr. Raabe’s dedication and commitment to excellence, and now looks forward to guidance provided by Dr. Cheng.

The following is a brief review of the activities of our Athletic Board Standing Committees.

**Compliance:** Has worked with the Compliance Coordinator, Ms. Deanna D’Abbraccio in monitoring compliance in general and in dealing with specific situations on occasion. Also met with Ms. D’Abbraccio and both Drs. Raabe and Cheng (Faculty Representatives) to develop UWM’s response to proposals at the annual NCAA Convention.

**Long Range Planning:** Worked on a 5-year Planning Process and established the following prioritized objectives - 1. Develop a successful Division I Athletic Program; 2. Maintain/Improve existing Athletic Facilities; 3. Expand Athletic Facilities; and 4. Maintain/Improve Fiscal and Managerial Stability.

**Personnel:** Deals with personnel matters including being active on search and screen committees for coaching positions. This past year they were actively involved on issues dealing with Development/Fund Raising position.

**Budget:** Together with Assistant Athletic Director, Doug Beard, helped to formulate budgets and to analyze financial activities of the department. This year they focused on the 95/96 segregated fee shortfall and projections for shortfalls in future years. The shortfall was due to a change beginning this year in the methodology used to calculate segregated fee revenue from projected student enrollments to actual enrollments. A great deal of discussion focused on how to decrease reliance on future segregated fees.

**Program Offerings:** Reviews current program offerings and makes sure that Division I NCAA requirements are met. Worked with the Intramural Office and with Disabled Students Association to create programs for their specific needs.

**By-Laws:** There was no formal activity in this area.

**Financial Assistance:** Very little activity in this area, although on an annual basis the Compliance Coordinator meets with all of the coaches to update them on Financial Aid issues.

**Title IX:** As part of an on-going issue, this committee collects and analyzes information on gender equity in order to determine if further action is necessary. This is also important in order to be in compliance with Division I requirements.