UWM Athletic Board  
Annual Report  
2005-2006

I. Meetings

The Athletic Board met monthly throughout the academic year, September to May, with the exception of January.

II. Two Initiatives

A. The Board this year made the effort to know more personally a variety of individuals who constitute the UWM athletic program. This initiative began in the fall with coaches and players from women’s soccer and then the same from the volleyball team. Over the year it also included the cheerleaders (coaches and students) and the Dance Squad (coaches and students). Personnel from Sports Medicine and the Klotsche (and new Pavilion) programs also appeared at the meetings. We also welcomed these opportunities as a means for the various guests to know us. The meetings were essentially question and answer sessions, very informal and always informative. The Athletic Board intends to expand the format to embrace other sports and related activities next year.

B. The Athletic Board also undertook a systematic review and revision of its By-Laws. The need to do so became evident to me when I assumed the chairmanship in September. I began the process by calling each of the athletic directors (or by speaking to a knowledgeable person in their offices) in the Horizon League and inquiring about the roles and responsibilities of those athletic boards. In late February I submitted to our By-Laws subcommittee a number of proposals for changes in the UWM document. We discussed them and made some modifications which we then in turn submitted for a first review to the Athletic Board at the March meeting. We had a lengthy discussion that resulted in additional changes, which we again discussed in April.

This matter will be a first item of business in September. We left to the new board final ratification of the proposed revisions. We expect that review to be a useful introduction to the board for new members.

III.

Personnel Case: The Student Appeals Committee dealt with a student-athlete suspension that came to the subcommittee on appeal. Coaches, student-athlete, and parents met with the committee, which made a ruling in the case in May.

Respectfully submitted,

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