University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Athletic Board
2007-2008 Annual Report

Members:

Teresa Johnson  Assoc  Nursing
Mark Keane  Assoc  Architecture
Jennifer Earl  Asst  Human Movement Sci
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Jennifer Thomas  Student
Daniel Carpenter  Student
Joshua Dirkse  Student
Kait Faust/James Lemke  Student
Eric Becker  Student
Thomas Hughes  Student

Charter (Prior to revision on May 15, 2008):
Functions/ Responsibilities:

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(1) Membership. Twenty-two members as follows: Seven elected faculty members; one faculty member appointed by the Chancellor to a one-year term; the Faculty Athletic Representative appointed by the Chancellor for a term not to exceed five years; two members of the UWM Alumni Association, appointed by the Chancellor from a list of candidates submitted by the President of the UWM Alumni Association; two elected members of the Academic Staff; six students appointed by the Student Association; and, exofficio, UWM Director of Athletics, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, and the President of the UWM Alumni Association, or their respective designees.
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(2) Functions.
a) Develops and reviews university policies relative to intercollegiate athletics and the formal intramural recreation program, in conjunction with UWM faculty, administration, students,
alumni, and controlling regulations, and oversees the implementation of such policies. Approves for recommendation to the Chancellor the budget for the athletic and formal intramural recreation program.
b) Recommends to the Chancellor candidates for appointment to the position of Director of Athletics. Approves for recommendation to the Chancellor assignments of personnel to coaching and all other senior athletic administrative positions, consistent with University and State of Wisconsin Personnel practices. Approves for recommendation to the Chancellor motions for retention and non-retention of personnel to all coaching and senior athletic administrative positions.
c) Reviews schedules for intercollegiate athletic contests.
d) Rules upon questions of eligibility of students under institutional and conference regulations.
e) Implements policies concerning athletic scholarships and tuition remissions, and approves the designation of recipients thereof.
f) Recommends to the Chancellor candidates for the position of Faculty Representative for Athletics.
g) Conducts an annual performance review of the Faculty Representative for Athletics, and communicates the results of this review to the Chancellor.
h) Maintains liaison with intercollegiate athletic organizations and conferences, through the Faculty Representative for Athletics.
i) Recommends to the faculty changes in policies that relate to intercollegiate athletics and that appear to be in keeping with the longterm development of the University.

Meetings:

UWM Athletic Board Meetings for 2007- 2008, held in Pavilion 148

Semester I
Wednesday, September 5, 2007 8:15-9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, October 3, 2007 8:15-9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, November 7, 2007 8:15-9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, December 5, 2007 8:15-9:45 a.m.

Semester II
Wednesday, February 6, 2008 8:15-9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, March 5, 2008 8:15-9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, April 2, and April 22, 2008 8:15-9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 7, 2008 8:15-9:45 a.m.

- Members of the Board served on the following subcommittees: Steering, Fiscal, Student-Athlete Appeals, Governance and Compliance, Academic Integrity, Equity, Bylaws, Long Term Development, and Personnel.
- A number of recruitments for coaching positions occurred with Board member involvement.
- The Bylaws were updated in February 2008, and recommended changes to the Charter were sent to the University Committee for final review and input, ultimately scheduled for the May 2008 Faculty Senate meeting (and on 5/15/09
the Faculty Senate voted unanimously to change the charter based on the Athletic Board’s recommendations).

- In July 2007, Dr. Maureen Keyes was appointed by Chancellor Santiago as the Faculty Athletics Representative.
- In April, 2008, student-athlete Darren Cole of Men’s Track and Field was selected to be awarded the Athletic Board Special Recognition Award.
- Several Athletic Board members (Stoffel and Keyes) served on the NCAA Recertification Self-Study Subcommittees throughout the year, whose chair, Dr. Joan Prince, reported to the Athletic Board at its meetings in January, February, March and April, 2008. Careful review of draft reports occurred with input shared. Gender-Issues Plans and Minority-Issues Plans were reviewed and discussed by the Board and several subcommittees.

- Board members provided input to the External Review of Athletics Academic Support Services (a review required by NCAA to occur every three years conducted by Dr. Patricia Arredondo of the office of the Provost); the Athletic Board reviewed that final report. They provided input to surveys developed for Athletics coaches and all Student –Athletes conducted as a part of the external review noted previously, reviewed the results of such surveys, and agreed that these surveys should be conducted by the Department of Athletics on an annual basis to promote ongoing improvement.

- During its May 2008 meeting, a discussion of the need for diverse membership on the Athletic Board and an affirmation of the commitment that all Board members have to promoting the mission, vision and values of the Department of Athletics occurred.

- At several Board meetings and as long term development plans were reviewed, the need for facilities upgrades, cost of renting facilities, overall budget challenges, and salary structure analysis were noted as items of concern.

- The Athletic Board looks forward to preparing for the on-site visit by the NCAA Recertification team in September 2008. In addition, we plan to launch the next academic year by having the entire Athletic Board participate in a mini-in-service to ensure that all members know the charge, the context of our intercollegiate athletics program, and the various initiatives currently in place, especially those identified by the NCAA Recertification exercise.

Prepared & submitted by:

Virginia Stoffel, Chair
UWM Athletic Board, 2007-08