Report and Recommendation of the Athletic Board to the UWM Faculty

On February 6, 1970, after extensive discussion and review by the UWM Athletic Board, the UWM Administration, UW Central Administration and other interested groups, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents approved a three-year athletic program for UWM. The program was a direct result of a proposal presented by a group of students to the Regents, in December of 1969, calling for an expanded athletic, intramural, and recreational program at UWM.

The major aspects and features of the program were: (a) an increase in the per-semester student segregated fee from two dollars to seven dollars, (b) the establishment of a modest grant-in-aid program, (c) continuation of intercollegiate football at the same competitive level as in the past, but with additional funds to compete more effectively at that level, (d) an advancement from the College Division to the NCAA University Division in intercollegiate basketball with funding to support the shift, and (e) increased emphasis and funding for intramurals and recreation.

The UWM Athletic Board has reviewed the three-year program and recommends the following:

1. The program, originally approved by the Regents on February 6, 1970, and refined by subsequent Athletic Board actions, be continued until modified by Faculty action.

2. That the funding for the current program, 90 percent of which is provided by the student segregated fee of seven dollars per student per semester, is appropriate and should be continued. (The UWM Segregated Fee Advisory Committee, in an action of December 13, 1972, strongly concurred in the allocation.)

3. Ongoing improvement and expansion of the present 30,000 unit enrollment in Intramural programs should be encouraged, dependent upon the renovation and addition of existing facilities.

4. Club Sports and competitive programs for women should have increased emphasis.

5. That additional efforts, which surely will be aided by the greatly improved media coverage we are receiving this year, should be directed at raising additional gate receipts. From these additional gate receipts can come the program enhancements and expansion that will further enrich the total program.

6. That the question of conference affiliation, currently being explored by the Director of Athletics and the Athletic Board be continued.

The Athletic Board strongly urges the UWM Faculty to express its support for recommendations 1-6 above, which the Board believes will assist in developing an athletic program appropriate for a major urban university.

THE ATHLETIC BOARD

George Uhlig, Chairman
James Fisher
Gerald Gleason
William Meunier, Student
Genevieve Meyer
Kenneth Neusen
Thomas Sass, Student
Walter Trattner
Eugene Witt, Alumni
Julie Zinda, Student
T. Rosandich, ex-officio