

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – February 13, 2009 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: C. Barr, P. Chiaro, J. Gladden, R. Goodhue, D. Hernandez, T. Langlais, L. Mackay, J. McCutcheon, G. Richason, S. Upton, P. Vittum, E. Ward, R. Warnick, E. Washington, G. Wong  
GUESTS K. Callicoate, C. Ford, J. Sarsynski, J. Seguin, E. Sortino  
ABSENT E. May, Brian O'Connor, T. Schoenadel, S. Schnoerr

Introduction of New Student Members and Council Member – Tyler Langlais

- Co-Chair Barr asked council members to introduce themselves to the new student council members.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2008 Meeting

- Co-Chair Barr opened the floor to discussion. There being none, it was moved by George Richason and seconded by Ed Ward to approve the minutes. All members voted to approve the December 12, 2008 Minutes.

Meet the Administrator – Kim Callicoate, Associate AD of Compliance

- Kim Callicoate, a native of Austin, Texas and a 1983 graduate of Trinity University of Texas has spent the past 8 1/2 years serving as the Senior Associate AD for Compliance at Sacred Heart University. In addition, she served as the Senior Woman Administrator for the department, representing the university in that capacity at all Northeast Conference meetings. Her NCAA experience includes a 4 year stint on the Academics / Eligibility / Compliance Cabinet, serving as chair of the Initial Eligibility Subcommittee for 2 of those years. Most recently she was a member of the NCAA Working Group to research at-risk student-athletes. The group has developed a system, entitled FLAG (Facilitating Learning and Achieving Graduation), that will assist institutions with assessing risk and in supporting all student-athletes in their pursuit of college degrees. Kim has enjoyed first three weeks with UMass Athletics.

Annual Report

- Co-Chair Warnick reviewed the Annual Report for the council. Highlighted were the Council's 2007-08 activities including the Athletic Department Budget for FY2008, the sub-committees reports of Academics, Compliance, Equity, Minority Opportunities and Student-Athlete Welfare, Facilities, Finance, Development and Tickets, Visions. George Richason praised the content, encouraged more proofing and editing. Bob Goodhue motioned to accept the Annual Report. Jay Gladden seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Equity and Minority Opportunities and Student-Athlete Welfare Report (Sortino and Barr)

- Senior Women Administrator Elaine Sortino reviewed the report covering the following topics: Student participation, Student –Athlete Minority Opportunity, Scholarships, Athletic Department Staffing, and Student-Athlete Welfare.

Athletic Department Strategic Issues (McCutcheon, Warnick and Barr)

- AD McCutcheon discussed the following topics: Hiring (critical needs and Head Football Coach), Budget review process, the Current Budget Year and AY 2009-2010, Athletic Development and Hall of History Dedication through the generosity of George Ditomassi.

Old Business

- Hearing none, Co-Chair Warnick moved on to New Business.

New Business and Topics

- Spring meeting dates are March 27, April 24, May 15. The Co-Chairs will be inviting the following speakers to the Spring meetings: Chancellor Robert Holub, Kevin Morris, Josh Maurer, and Campus Planning Representatives.
- Subcommittee Work and Reappointments for AY 2009-2010 were discussed.

Athletic Department Update – AD McCutcheon

- The budget dominates all other issues.
- Winter sports are winding down while spring sports are in the upswing.

New Business

- There being no other items, George Richason motioned to adjourn. Ed Ward seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 12:17 pm.