

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – April 18, 2008 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: C. Barr, S. Dressor, R. Goodhue, E. May, Brian O'Connor, G. Richason, B. St. Germain,  
T. Schoenadel, D. Soto, S. Upton, P. Vittum, E. Ward, R. Warnick, G. Wong  
GUESTS Chancellor Cole, D. Milligan, E. Sortino, J. Sarsynski  
ABSENT: J. Behrens, J. Brigham, J. Gladden, J. McCutcheon, E. Washington

Welcome and Announcements

- Co-Chair Barr welcomed council members and asked them to introduce themselves to Chancellor Cole and other guests.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 15, 2008 Meeting

- Co-Chair Barr asked that in the “Welcome and Announcement” section that her name be replaced with Co-Chair Warnick as having welcomed members. It was then moved by E. Ward, seconded by R. Goodhue. All members voted to accept the February 15, 2008 minutes.

Meet Men’s Basketball’s Dante Milligan

- Men’s Basketball player Dante Milligan was praised for his academic and athletic accomplishments. Dante discussed his experience of double-majoring in sports management and communications. He spoke briefly of his family’s loss with his brother’s unexpected tragic death three years ago as well as the personal fortitude necessary to overcome such a loss. He enthusiastically spoke in detail about the excitement of the success of the Men’s Basketball team and playing in the final rounds of the NIT Championship.

Chancellor Cole speaks to the Athletic Council

- Chancellor Cole was introduced and praised for his leadership as interim Chancellor. He discussed the Chancellor Search process of bringing four candidates to campus. Chancellor Cole spoke about the very tight financial state budget, union salary increases and the next phase of strategic planning of facilities.
- Co-Chair Barr thanked Chancellor Cole for attending the meeting followed by applause of the council.

Priority Registration Letter Review

- The draft of the academic priority registration letter was handed out to council members and the floor was opened for discussion. Glenn Wong thanked Co-Chair Barr, Co-Chair Warnick and Joan Hopkins, Associate AD for Academic Support, for their efforts in drafting this letter. Glenn will meet with Deputy Provost John Cunningham to discuss the need for priority registration.

Report of Athletic Department: Elaine Sortino, Senior Women's Administrator

- Spring sports are off to a great start. Men's Lacrosse is doing very well. Co-Chair Barr praised men's lacrosse goalie Doc Schneider for interning with Goldman Sachs.
- Men's baseball beat BC at Fenway Park at the Bean Pot Classic.
- Women's lacrosse is positioned well within the A-10
- Softball won at BU – UMass Softball is 24 in the RPI rankings.
- Coach Sortino congratulated the Men's Basketball Team in their successful NIT run and noted the tremendous national exposure for the entire UMass Athletic Department.
- Student-athlete Spring Exit interview surveys are being held with department administrators.
- Women's tennis upset Temple and is number two seed at the A-10 Tournament.
- Glenn Wong spoke about the Men's Basketball advisory committee and search process. AD McCutcheon is conducting interviews today in a neutral site with a number of coaching candidates to replace Coach Travis Ford.

New Business

- The final spring Athletic Council meeting is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Concourse Room of the Mullins Center.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.