University of Massachusetts
Athletic Council Committee Minutes
February 10, 2012
2601 DuBois Library

Committee Members Present:

N. Avanzato, E. Boucher, E. Briere, S. Hayes, S. Hazen, B. Johnson,
J. McCutcheon, G. Richason, R. Spencer, S. Upton, P. Vittum,
E. Ward, G. Wong, Co-Chair R. Warnick, Co-Chair N. Lacey

Guests: K. Callicoate, J. Hopkins, L. Hosmer, S. Hutton, C. Molnar, J. Sarsynski,
Mrs. Warner, A. Moore, G. Dabkowski, A. McClane

Absent: M. Billings, R. Goodhue, D. Gore, E. May, R. Anderson, S. Curran-Hays,
Z. Hathaway, C. Morley, T. Schoenadel

I. Call to Order
All members and guests were able to view the Football History articles and artifacts
prior to this meeting’s call to order.

Co-Chair Warnick called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed members
(new student member, Evan Briere) and guests – Mrs. Warner, Class of ’44 and
Librarians, Abby McClane and Anne Moore to the February 2012 meeting.
Council members and guest introduced themselves and briefly described their role at
the University. Marilyn Billings was thanked for helping to arrange this meeting in
DuBois Library to view the wonderful History of UMass Football display.

Co-Chair Lacey thanked Rod Warnick who while officially on sabbatical, coordinated
the meeting today and also for his extraordinary work and efforts in writing the
Athletic Council’s Annual Report that will be submitted to the Faculty Senate.

Anne Moore thanked the Council for the invitation to speak on the history of Football
display. She highlighted the 1920’s artifacts of old football gear, programs from the
1930’s and rivalries between the Massachusetts Agricultural college – MAC and
Amherst College, Tufts University, and Williams. Also discussed was the building of
McGuirk Stadium in 1962 and photos of the student-athletes and coaches from the
last one hundred years. Mrs. Warner commented that the exhibit is wonderful and
that she remembers her first Mass Aggies game at 10 yrs. old, 79 years ago.
II. UMass Football Coach – Charley Molnar
Coach Charley Molnar, former Assistant Coach at Notre Dame, reviewed his coaching past at Kent State, University of Cincinnati and Notre Dame and expressed with great articulation and high energy his 10-Year plan and vision as UMass Football transitions into Division I Football with the MAC. Coach Molnar discussed his high standards for recruiting student-athletes who are as strong and motivated in the classroom as on the field. His recruiting ‘footprints’ will start in Massachusetts and work up and down the Eastern seacoast, not further west than Ohio, who understand New England weather and whose families can attend games.
Coach Molnar envisions having an indoor training facility under one roof housing the training rooms, locker rooms, a team meal room and the football coaches offices and meeting rooms. With great enthusiasm, Coach also discussed the opportunity to lead the transition to Division I Football. A lengthy discussion followed with questions from the council on the Mid-American Conference, NCAA requirements for academics, games at Gillette and future games at McGuirk. A round of welcoming applause was given to Coach Molnar.

Minutes of December 9, 2011
Co-Chair Lacey opened the floor to discussion of the Athletic Council minutes from December 9, 2011. It was so moved by George Richason, Pat Vittum seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the minutes from the December 9, 2011 meeting.

III. Report from the Athletic Department –AD McCutcheon
AD McCutcheon thanked Coach Molnar and praised his vision, energy and goal for the Football program.

Winter Sports Wrap Up
- Men’s Basketball are 18-6 with 6 more on the schedule - a 64 RPI.
- Women’s Basketball is struggling. Coach Sharon Dawley is building the right blocks in place for future wins.
- Softball is underway right now vs. UAB – score is currently 0 – 0.
- Men’s lacrosse plays Army at West Point this afternoon.
- We’ve dodged the snow this winter which is great for our teams’ travel and practices.
- The new Capital Campaign was announced yesterday in a press release. This new major $33 million Fundraising campaign will be used for enhancing capitol, scholarship, endowment and sport specific goals over the next six years, including the new facility projects.
- Perkins and Will received the bid for the Stadium renovation project.
- 3 Firms will submit RFP’s for the 1st phase of the Champion Center over the next 6-8 weeks. The basketball facility will be somewhere near the Mullins Center – part of the process is finding the most cost and operationally effective location.
IV. **A-10 Compliance Review Report – 2011 (Callicoate and Warnick)**

Kim Callicoate, Associate AD for Compliance reviewed areas of the A-10 Compliance Report that were distributed to the Council: Governance and Organization; Eligibility Certification; Academic Performance Program; Financial Aid Administration; Recruiting; Camps and Clinics; Investigations and Self-Reporting of Rules Violations; Rules Education; Playing and Practice Seasons; Student-Athlete Employment; Amateurism; and Commitment of Personnel to Rules-Compliance Activities. The Executive Summary states “The overarching impression of UMass’s compliance program is that it is a comprehensive well-structured program, which is effective in maintaining the institution’s adherence to NCAA legislation”. Council Member and FAR Glenn Wong stated that the overall final report of the compliance review was very positive and is in direct correlation with the leadership of AD McCutcheon and Chancellor Holub. Co-Chair Warnick also noted that the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee collects data that is used for the A-10 Compliance review.

V. **Annual Report Review and Approval (Lacey and Warnick)**

Review of Report: Co-Chair Lacey, Glenn Wong and AD John McCutcheon each highly praised Co-Chair Warnick’s hard work and his time spent in writing the Annual Report especially during his time away on sabbatical. Co-Chair Warnick thanked Glenn Wong and Nelson Lacey for their excellent feedback in compiling this report. It was so moved by Pat Vittum and seconded by Ed Ward to accept the Annual Report Draft as written as the final Annual Report. The council voted unanimously to accept the Annual Report for submission to the Faculty Senate.

VI. **Ad Hoc Committee of FBS Football (May)**

Since Ernie May was not present at today’s meeting, Co-Chair Warnick requested this item be tabled until Ernie May could discuss its charge with council members. During the December 9th Faculty Senate meeting, student Ben Johnson noted that the Faculty Senate would be asking the new Chancellor to review the decision of transition to FBS Football. Also noted was the Senate approved a “suspension of rules” to request that the new Chancellor review the decision to upgrade to FBS Football and deliver a review of the decision by December 2012. Ben Johnson asked if this Ad Hoc Committee had the authority to overturn the decision for Football. The authority comes from the Board of Trustees, President Caret, Chancellor Holub and AD McCutcheon, all who have approved this move. It is a final move. Co-Chair Warnick said they would hear more about the Ad Hoc Committee by Mid-March.
VII. New and Old Business
While Rod Warnick is on sabbatical, Co-Chair Lacey asked for any nominations or volunteers for acting as Interim Co-Chair for the remaining three meetings of the 2012 Spring Semester. Rebecca Spencer was nominated and accepted the role of Interim Co-Chair.

The Frozen Fenway event was sold out with 38,000 attending, with 18 to 20,000 of UMass fans present. Sadly, a long time Hockey fan suffered a fatal heart attack just before the event started.

Dates for the Spring Council Meetings are:

March 9, 2012
April 6, 2012
May 4, 2012

Asking for any other old or new business from the floor, Co-Chair Lacey asked for a motion to close the meeting and adjourn. A tour of the Learning Commons was offered to any Council Members who wished to remain after the meeting adjourned.

George Richason moved to close the meeting. Ben Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.