UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – May 7, 2010 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: C. Barr, M. Billings, J. Corriveau, R. Goodhue,
D. Gore, J. Ihne, T. Langlois, J. McCutcheon, G. Richason,
R. Spencer, S. Upton, S. Schnoerr
E. Ward, R. Warnick, G. Wong

GUESTS: J. Sarsynski

ABSENT: C. Celona, P. Chiaro, D. Grobmyer, Li Gu, B. Johnson, E. May, T.
Schoenadel, P. Vittum, E. Washington

Approval of Minutes – April 2, 2010

- Co-Chair Barr called the meeting to order for the final spring meeting for
2010 and opened the floor for discussion on the Minutes from April 2,
2010. There being none, it was so moved by the council to accept the
April 2, 2010 minutes.

Final Update – RAM and Registration Processes –

- Joan Hopkins was unable to attend this meeting but will provide more
information on the success of RAM in the Fall meetings. With UMass
being one of the last schools in the A-10 to have Priority Registration, Co-
Chair Warnick requested for input from the student-athletes on the
council. Jennifer Corriveau and John Inhe reported that their teams had
very positive feedback on the priority registration for student-athletes.

Subcommittee Reports and Assignment Reminders – AC Members

- Subcommittee reports are due to Co-Chair Warnick in electronic form.
- Academics – Co-Chair Barr reported Joan Hopkins will be updating data this
summer. Jon Weston with the Provost Office will be prescreening student-athlete
applications. Matt Komer, Assistant AD for Academics, will be covering the
SAM program, Tammy Drummond, Assistant Director Academic Support
Services will be overseeing the Lifeskills CHAMPS update and FLAGG System.
Linda Reed from the Registrar’s Office will visit the council in the fall.

- Facilities – Co-Chair Ward reported that the Facilities Subcommittee met with
Dan Markowski, Assistant AD for Facilities and reported on the following: the
Recreation Center was completed last fall for $55 million, the new football
stadium video scoreboard for $140,000, the old recreation space in Boyden now
being used as offices for trainers, the new softball Locker room, moving of the
lacrosse locker room shifting over to the old Softball Locker room, Women’s
Crew Locker Room shifting over, and Men’s Swimming moving to an office with
a window; o all swimming pool drains now meet the new Federal code.
• **Compliance** – Co-Chair Warnick coordinated two meetings last year with Kim Callicoate and Glenn Wong. Discussed were six minor violations, eligibility overview, donations, gifts, conference affiliations, operating standards, and an Institutional Leadership scheduled for April 26. The A-10 voted that Faculty Representatives have a stronger role within Athletics.

• **Finance** – Richason reported that will be having his Business meeting with Jaime Seguin as soon as the budget situation stabilizes a bit on campus.

• **Equity** - Ernie Washington, subcommittee Chair of this committee resigned from the Athletic Council yesterday.

• **Vision** – Goodhue reported that his subcommittee met before today’s meeting with Kim Callicoate. The Strategic Plan for the Athletic Department from 2010-2015 will be drafted and sent to the committee before a June 1 deadline. The final vision report will be submitted to the Chancellor with the budget being a priority in the report’s framework. George Richason noted that in his 50 years on this council, he’s never seen a written vision report of “who we are and where we’re going”.

**Nomination Committee for Athletic Council Positions – Richason/ Goodhue**

- George Richason and Bob Goodhue were asked to continue as the nominating leaders on the council. “We’re a team” nodded the duo. George Richason asked the Council for ideas for nominations.

**Report from the Athletic Department – AD John McCutcheon**

- The Boat House will probably be built at the Sportsmen Marina and leased by UMass. Council is reviewing the proposal.
- Planning continues on the Champion Center as Athletic Advancement aggressively seeks $20 million in funding, with $2.5 million already raised.
- Tim Kenney will be assuming new responsibilities in the External organization of the department as the Advancement area is expanded. A new position within Annual Giving is being added in addition to a national search on for the new Associate AD for Advancement.
- A modest increase in ticket prices may be implemented as well as other ways to offset the current challenging budgetary times.

**Old Business and New Business for Athletic Council**

- Fall Semester Meeting Dates – Sept 10, October 8, November 5, and December 10.
- Pending topics for future review: Update on Athletic Department Fundraising and the Champions Center.
- Co-Chair Warnick requested the minutes reflect immense gratitude to George Richason who has served on the council for fifty years.
- Rod Warnick, Co-Chair and Glenn Wong thanked Co-Chair Carol Barr for her great service to the council and significant impact as a consultant to Athletics.
- Meeting was motioned to adjourn by George Richason, seconded by Bob Goodhue. Meeting adjourned at 12:34 pm.