UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

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


GUESTS J. Sarsynski, E. Sortino

ABSENT E. May, S. Schnoerr, D. Gore

Opening Remarks
- Co-Chair Warnick welcomed Council members and guests and asked all to introduce themselves and briefly explain their role within the University.

Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2009 Meeting
- Co-Chair Warnick opened the floor to discussion on the minutes. There being none, it was so moved by Robert Goodhue and seconded by Ed Ward to approve the minutes. All members voted to approve the Minutes from the May 15, 2009 meeting.

Nominating Committee
- Chair of the Nominating Committee, George Richason presented the following nominations for the 2009-2010 Athletic Council after asking for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, George approved a plan to cast a ballot for the following slate:
  - Carol Barr - Co-Chair
  - Rod Warnick - Co-Chair
  - Pat Vittum - Secretary
- It was so moved by Steve Upton and seconded by Ed Ward to approve the ballot. All Council members approved and it was so moved by the Council.

Meet the Coach – Angela Napoli
- Coach Napoli was unable to attend the meeting and rescheduled for the October 16, 2009 meeting.

Report of the Status of the Campus Recreation Center – Clemens/ McCutcheon/ Warnick
- Co-Chair Warnick reported that the new opening date of the Recreation Center is September 28 originally slated for September 8. Heating, IT, and ventilation issues have delayed the opening.
- Six new recreation staff positions will be hired, trained and in house by the opening. Furnishings will be delivered and installed by September 28.
• AD McCutcheon discussed the new recreation fee reflecting a significant increase over the previous low fee unchanged for nine years. During that time frame, operating costs have increased dramatically. The new Recreation Center is a significant new operational expense within the recreation program’s resources. The contributing factors to the fee increase are also associated with maintenance particularly regarding the pools in Boyden and Totman Gyms, field space, utilities and staffing of the Recreation Center.

Request for Final Reports for Filing Annual Report for AC Send Digital Copy to Co-Chairs
• Co-Chair Warnick requested final subcommittee reports to be digitally sent in MS or a PDF Document to Carol Barr or himself. The Co-Chairs are hoping to file an Annual Report within the next month.
• Co-Chair Warnick distributed a sign up/ preference sheet for their participation on the 2009-2010 subcommittees and briefly explained the charges of each.
• The Co-Chairs asked AD John McCutcheon for agenda items for discussion amongst the subcommittees for the upcoming year. The first draft of the Strategic Plan would be completed within three weeks. Other issues on the slate could be the budget, finance and revenue in addition to the ongoing discussion on the proposed Champions Center Complex.
• Co-Chair Warnick opened the floor to other subcommittee agenda items. Hearing none, he closed the floor to discussion.

Athletic Department Update -AD McCutcheon
• AD McCutcheon distributed the 2008-09 Annual Report of UMass Athletics to Council members.
• Football had a good performance at Kansas State which was the biggest opening game in the University’s history. UMass Football hosted Albany last weekend for a good win.
• Women’s Soccer is struggling in its start to the season. AD McCutcheon is in full support of Coach Napoli as she takes on the responsibility of Interim Soccer Coach.
• On a facilities note, the Football Stadium’s scoreboard will be updated with video capability.
• There will be a kickoff promotion this evening at the UMass Club in Boston to promote the Men’s Basketball game vs. Memphis. John Calipari will also be promoting his new book, Bouncing Back. Attendance is estimated over two hundred.

Other Old or New Business
• Glenn Wong suggested that Jason Yellin, Assistant AD for Media Relations, be put on the agenda this fall to update council members on the UMass athletics webpage and broadcasts. AD McCutcheon reported that UMass Athletics website is #1 in hits in the Atlantic 10 and is in the top 25 in hits in the college athletics in the U.S.
• Glenn Wong, FAC and Kim Callicoeate, Associate AD for Compliance are developing a Career Advising program between faculty and student-athletes.
• The Atlantic 10 Leadership Conference will be October 23-25. Two student-athletes from each University will be invited to attend.
• George Richason suggested that team scheduling be an agenda item. AD McCutcheon will have Tim Kenney review what goes into scheduling Men’s Basketball.
• The Annual Student-Athlete BBQ is next Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.
• The next Athletic Council meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Boyden’s Conference Room.
• Motioned to adjourn the September 11, 2009 meeting was accepted. Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.