University of Massachusetts  
Athletic Council Committee Minutes  
September 12, 2012  
Boyden Conference Room

Committee Members Present:

T. Anderson, N. Avanzato, M. Billings, E. Briere, S. Hazen, B. Johnson,  
R. Jones, J. McCutcheon, T. Nichols, G. Richason, JC Schnabl,  
T. Schoenadel, S. Upton, P. Vittum, E. Ward, R. Warnick, G. Wong  
Co-Chair N. Lacey, Co-Chair R. Spencer

Guests: J. Hopkins, J. Micheletto, J. Sarsynski, E. Sortino

Absent: R. Anderson, E. Boucher, R. Goodhue, E. May, C. Morley, J. Murray,  
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I. Call to Order
Co-Chair Lacey called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. and welcomed members and  
guests to the September 2012 meeting. Co-Chair Lacey noted that in all his years, this is  
the first time the Council Meeting is not on a Friday. He thanked guests and Athletic  
Council members for their flexibility in attending this meeting on a Wednesday. All  
members introduced themselves and explained their role to the council.

II. Approval of the Minutes of May 2012
Co-Chair Lacey opened the floor to discussion of the Athletic Council minutes from May  
2012. There being none, it was so moved by George Richason and seconded by Ed  
Ward to accept the motion. All were in favor of approving the minutes from the  
May 4, 2012 meeting.

III. Guest Coach – New Hockey Coach John Micheletto
Coach Micheletto who had been Associate Head Coach at Vermont is honored to be  
the 13th Men’s Ice Head Hockey Coach at UMass. Coach is impressed with both  
UMass Hockey’s full-time staff, our hockey facilities, and the support of student and  
alumni fan base which will enable him to be concentrate on recruiting great players of  
great character. Coach described his coaching process of accountability,  
communication and helping the student-athletes to become unflappable and great  
problem-solvers. He covered a number of areas which included recruiting in the college  
hockey’s competitive world, the Hockey East League and its schools, the importance of  
academics and UMass’s Commonwealth College which will help to compete in  
recruiting against smaller Ivy League Schools. Coach Mich’s goal is to play the highest  
Level of Division I Hockey. He asked the Council to support his team by coming to the  
first game on October 12th to which the Council responded with a round of applause.

IV. Nominating Committee (Richason/ Goodhue/ Schoenadel ):
Co-Chair Lacey stepped outside the Conference Room with Rod Warnick and Rebecca  
Spencer while George Richason placed the following nominations for the 2012-2013  
Athletic Council:
Hearing no other nominations, George Richason moved the slate which was 2\textsuperscript{nd} by Ed Ward. George Richason called for a vote; all were in favor, none opposed. Co-Chairs Lacey and Spencer and Secretary Warnick were welcomed back into the Council Meeting and Co-Chair Lacey duly noted Rod Warnick’s energy being a great force of effective change and guidance for the entire Council.

V. **Priority Registration (Hopkins) – Spring Semester 2012 Report:**
Joan Hopkins and Elaine Sortino discussed the challenges of student-athletes registering for needed courses in their off-semester when they are not in competition. The council endorsed that Priority Registration is as critical to student-athletes academic success in their non-competition semester as in the semester they are competing. Joan will gather statistics on how many student-athletes have problems registering due to closed classes and both Glenn Wong and Rod Warnick asked for case studies and data of sequencing and level classes from Intro to Intermediate classes. Rod Warnick and Rebecca Spencer volunteered to help gather data along with Joan Hopkins and then speak with Carol Barr and John Cunningham in the Provost Office on behalf of Priority Registration for student-athletes for both semesters.

VI. **Ad Hoc Football Review Committee Update (Lacey/ Wong/May)**
AD John McCutcheon discussed the move to the new conference and briefly discussed the requests of the AdHoc Football Committee. Co-Chair Lacey mentioned the Ad Hoc Committee Meeting in April had little representation but Ralph Whitehead and Ernie May did attend. Glenn Wong reported the May 7, 2012 Ad Hoc Meeting that was attended by Max Page, Frank Hugus, Dick Bogartz was civil in the matters discussed rather than an adversarial. Questions were fair and open-minded. They reviewed the budget work presented by John McCutcheon from the previous meeting to the Ad Hoc and Finance Subcommittee or the Athletic Council and to the Board of Trustees. Rod Warnick noted that it would be a lot more time effective for the Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with the Athletic Council Finance Sub-Committee during their Bi-Annual Meetings. Both are scheduled to meet bi-annually and are reviewing the same material.
Co-Chair Lacey proposed the following dates: October 12, November 16, December 14 for the remaining Fall Athletic Council dates. John McCutcheon noted that October would not be a good date since the audited figures from the last fiscal year will need to be finalized pending the visit by the state auditors and the information will need to presented to the Full Faculty Senate as it has been in the past and it would be helpful to consolidate meetings and data collection and review. Rod Warnick suggested that the Fall Semester would be the best date for reviewing the previous year’s audit and financial outcomes and the Spring Semester would be more appropriate for a full presentation of the next fiscal year when Jaime Seguin has a better read out on the audited figures and the planned proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. A recommendation was presented by Rod Warnick and seconded by George Richason that the meetings of the AC Finance Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee be coordinated with the cooperation of the Athletic Department in selecting and scheduling dates that would make the review process the most efficient and less time consuming and disruptive for the Athletic Department Budget Office. The motion was passed unanimously.
VII. Athletic Department Update by AD John McCutcheon

The first two opening Football games were challenging as was expected in the transition from FCS to FBS football. John the operational issues and commented on the season, group and individual ticket sales of the Indiana Game and the great support of 37 student busses going to Gillette. A Student-Athlete BBQ was held before the September 8th game. Coach Molnar is doing a great job with recruiting and working with the team.

AD McCutcheon reviewed the update on the design and future construction for the new Press Box and Training Facility Building at McGuirk Stadium. The new basketball facility, the Champions Center, is moving along in the design and siting phases and will probably be either to the west or south of the Mullins by the Practice Rink.

The Athletic Department Cookout will be held September 24 at the home of the McCutcheons weather pending.

VIII. Committee Assignments and Preferences for 2012-2013
Co-Chair Lacey asked for the Sub-Committee preference sheets to be filled out today and handed into Julie Sarsynski or Rod Warnick after today’s meeting. Please list your three top preferences for the six sub-committees available.

IX. Final Committee Reports from 2011-2012 Academic year and Request for Final Reports for Filing Annual Report for AC
Please email your digital copy of your Sub-Committee reports to Co-Chair Lacey or Co-Chair Spencer for compiling the Annual Report.

X. Future Topics for Review and Updates
Chancellor Subbaswamy is confirmed for speaking to the Council in November. Joe Balzano from Facilities Planning and the Design Team from Perkins and Will of Boston is confirmed for October 12th AC meeting to present the design program for the upgrades to the football stadium.

Fall Meeting Dates are October 12, November 16, and December 14.
Anne Benz of the Faculty Senate will be contacted to appoint an Alumni to replace the current Alumni position on the council held by James Sullivan’s spot who is not active.

George Richason moved to close the meeting. Ed Ward seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.