UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – November 13, 2009 11:30 a.m.


GUESTS M. Billings, Z. Garcia, J. Inhe, T. Reed, J. Sarsynski, E. Sortino

ABSENT C. Barr, E. May, S. Schnoerr, G. Wong

Opening Remarks
- Co-Chair Warnick welcomed Council members and guests Tracy Reed, Faculty Senate Assistant and Marilyn Billings from the University Library and asked attendees to briefly introduce themselves.
- Co-Chair Warnick apologized for the postponement of the October meeting.

Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2009 Meeting
- Co-Chair Warnick opened the floor to discussion on the minutes. There being none, it was so moved by George Richason and seconded by Steve Upton to approve the minutes. All members voted to approve the Minutes from the September 11, 2009 meeting.

Meet the Administrator: Zulma Garcia, Director of Campus Recreation
- Dr. Garcia a 1973 UMass graduate discussed her role as the director of Campus Recreation and the excitement of the opening of the new Recreation Center while highlighting its design issues and operations. Discussed was the groundbreaking, construction delays, the Certification of Occupancy which was shown to the council.
- Many classes are offered including Cycling, Aerobics, Cardio Kick Boxing, Yoga, and Zumba.
- UMass students were quoted in the Daily Collegian as declaring the Recreation Center “freakin’ awesome” have been using the Recreation Center like gang-busters averaging 1000 members a day. It was estimated that use of recreation facilities increased 30-40%.
- The issue of heavy traffic and safe pedestrian usage in the crosswalks in front of the Recreation Center was discussed at length. Inquiries were made by the co-chair regarding how we could improve safety in the area for pedestrians based on increased use of the Campus Recreation Building.

Annual Report Update – R. Warnick
- Co-Chair Warnick asked for all subcommittee chairs to electronically submit their reports for compilation for the Annual Report presented at the December Faculty Senate Meeting. The Annual Report will be presented at the December meeting for approval.
Subcommittee Final Assignments for 2009-2010

- A chair is still needed for the Vision Subcommittee. Robert Goodhue agreed to chair the Visions Subcommittee.

Student-Athlete Suspension and Compliance Issues – J. McCutcheon/ Sortino/ Wong

- AD McCutcheon discussed the football suspension situation and negated these student-athletes having had preferential or lenient treatment. The players were subject to the same Drug and Alcohol Policy and enforcement of policy as all other student-athletes.

Report from the Athletic Department- AD John McCutcheon

- AD McCutcheon reported that winter sports of Women’s and Men’s Basketball and Hockey are underway in their respective seasons.
- Football needs to win the last two games of their season to still be in the hunt for playoffs.
- A search committee is underway for a Women’s Soccer Coach. The current interim coach Angela Napoli is considered as a candidate for the position. Elaine Sortino is chairing the search committee.
- AD McCutcheon reviewed the current budget situation and planning for FY 2010 which may include a 16 million dollar reduction or a looming 12% cut mid year.
- A 5-Year Revenue Enhancement Plan has been completed and submitted to the Chancellor for review.
- Reviewed were the next planning stages for the proposed Champions Center Project and new location for the Baseball Field.
- The Football Stadium has a new and improved video board with great resolution at half the weight and using a tenth of the energy usage of the old scoreboard.

New Business

- Spring dates for the Athletic Council will be announced at the December 11.
- Jason Yellin and Tim Kenney will be at the December 11 meeting. Coach Napoli may be on the agenda.
- Ernie Washington asked for Athletic Injury Report update by the Athletic Department.
- Jennifer Corriveau suggested the Athletic Faculty Mentor idea proposed at the September meeting be discussed further at the December meeting.
- The Boyden Conference Room portion of the November meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm in order to move on to the tour of the Campus Recreation Center.

Tour of the Campus Recreation Center

- The Council concluded the November meeting by taking a comprehensive tour of the new Recreation Center given by Zulma Garcia. All fitness and wellness areas were visited by Council members who delighted in the new addition to the campus. An official opening ceremony of the Campus Recreation Center will take place in the coming month.