UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – December 10, 2010 11:30 a.m.

PRESENT:   N. Avanzato, M. Billings, D. Brothers, J. Corriveau, J. Crimarco,
R. Goodhue, S. Hayes, S. Hazen, J. Ihne, N. Lacey,  C. Morley,
J. McCutcheon, G. Richason, R. Spencer, A. Sunshine, S. Upton,
E. Ward, R. Warnick, G. Wong
GUESTS:     J. Sarsynski, J. Seguin, J. Yellin
ABSENT:     D. Gore, E. May, T. Schoenadel, P. Vittum

Welcome to the Council
• Co-Chair Warnick called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m. and welcomed
members to the December Athletic Council meeting.

Approval of Minutes – November 5, 2010
• Co-Chair Warnick opened the floor for additions or corrections on the
Minutes from November 5, 2010 meeting. There being none, it was so
moved by George Richason to accept the November 2010 Minutes and
seconded by Ed Ward. The council voted to accept the November 2010
minutes.

Update on Division 1 Conference Realignment for Football (John McCutcheon)
• AD John McCutcheon updated the Athletic Council on the conference
realignment. Over the past seven months, Chancellor Holub and John
McCutcheon had several conversations in regards to the conference
realignment issues with particular interest in Football. The Chancellor and
the AD have explored opportunities and various possibilities to better
position and strengthen our football program. The goals were to associate
more with AAU Institutions and “Flagship” status institutions and to
improve revenue potential for the Athletic Department. Glenn Wong,
FAR and Jamie Seguin, Associate AD for Finance also provided
comments about the potential impact for conference realignment. An
extended conversation and discussion on a variety of the topics were
presented and all members of the council participated in the discussion
including faculty, alumni members and students.
• AD McCutcheon reviewed possible conference options, financial criteria,
plans to maintain gender equity, transition requirements, and the planning
and possible scenarios for the process.
• The Athletic Council voted unanimous support in favor of reclassifying
Football to the Division 1 Level and pursuing an appropriate conference
affiliation. There were seventeen voting members endorsing the
reclassification to Division I Football.
Report from the Athletic Department (AD John McCutcheon)

- Men’s Basketball has a 7 – 2 start in their season.
- Women’s Basketball has had a bit of a shaky start to their season.
- Saturday, December 11 will be a double-header – Women’s hoops at 4:30 p.m. vs. Binghamton and Men’s basketball vs. Seton Hall at 7 p.m.
- Hockey plays Maine away on Sunday, December 12 at 4 p.m.
- Jason Yellin, Associate AD for Media Relations echoed that publicity and coverage will increase especially within the Boston Globe and Herald if the move to D-I takes place.

New Business

- The Spring Athletic Council meeting dates are February 4, March 4, April 8 and May 6.
- Special mention from Co-Chair Warnick to wish a Happy Birthday to Bob Goodhue and congratulations to John Ihne who is graduating this semester and has a great job in the tax division for PCW.

Respectfully submitted by George Richason, Interim AC Secretary and Julie Sarsynski, Athletic Department Staff Assistant.