UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – February 5, 11:30 a.m.

            G. Richason, R. Spencer, P. Vittum, E. Ward, R. Warnick, G. Wong
GUESTS      J. Sarsynski, J. Westover
ABSENT      C. Barr, M. Billings, C. Celona, P. Chiaro, Li Gu, E. May, T. Schoenadel,
            S. Schnoerr, S. Upton, E. Washington

Opening Remarks
  • Co-Chair Warnick called the meeting to order welcomed the new faculty member,
    Rebecca Spencer to the council. Another new faculty member, Marilyn Billings is
    unable to attend today as well as Co-Chair Carol Barr. Jon Westover and Kim
    Callicoate are welcomed as guests today.

Approval of Minutes – December 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 Ed Ward to approve the minutes. All
  members voted to approve the Minutes from the December 11, 2009 meeting.

Meet the Administrator: Jon Westover, UMass Admissions
  • Jon Westover gave a great overview of the admissions process and his role overseeing
    all incoming freshman applications. Jon has fifteen professional staff members
    reviewing all applications. The admissions funnel usually begins with an online
    application form followed up by campus tours and visits averaging over 30,000 visitors
    a year including 5,000 visitors at open houses. Admission staff members are out on the
    road each fall visiting 1100 high schools and college fairs with the goal of increasing
    out of state applications targeting such states as California, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota
    and the upper Mid-West.
  • Jon explained what’s involved in helping high school and college coaches navigate the
    student-athlete’s admission process. Jon prescreens all athletics applications and their
    high school transcripts.
  • Jon advocates for UMass with high praises on our strong school spirit and sense of
    community, strength of diverse academic offerings, and the economic savings in
    attending UMass.

NCAA Legislation and Compliance Issues – Kim Callicoate; Associate AD Compliance
  • Kim Callicoate, Associate AD for Compliance, joined the UMass Athletic Staff in 2009
    and reviewed her role as compliance coordinator. Kim discussed at length the cycle for
    legislation in the NCAA Division I Council. She reviewed unofficial visits, rules and
    regulations that guide coaches and staff, proposal numbers and legislation actions that
    has recently been passed.
Annual Report Update – C. Barr/ Warnick
• The final written document was finished by Carol Barr and Rod Warnick over winter break and distributed to council members. The floor was open to questions, comments. One editorial revision was suggested by John McCutcheon on page 10, (the first sentence of Athletic Department staffing) before the report is filed.
• Co-Chair Warnick read Ernie Washington’s email to the council on his concerns of minority equity within the Athletic Department.
• Duly noted that one person did not endorse the final report, the floor was opened to further discussion by the members present. No additional comments were made. There being none, Co-Chair Warnick asked for approval which was first motioned by Bob Goodhue and seconded by Ed Ward. All members present approved the Annual Report. One member’s vote was noted as not endorsing the report as approved.

Subcommittee Reports and Assignment Reminders – AC Members
• Co-Chair Warnick encouraged members to schedule their subcommittee meetings since the spring semester tends to fly by.

Report from the Athletic Department- AD John McCutcheon
• Winter sports programs well underway.
• AD McCutcheon reviewed the status on the budget, the boat house progress updates, the possibility of a Gillette Stadium game, the UMass Foundation Meeting, and the BC/UMass Hockey game this evening.
• John McCutcheon respectfully noted the very sad passing away of UMass’s beloved Coach Bob Pickett, former Head Football Coach and Hall of Fame member.

Old and New Business
• The remaining Spring dates for the Athletic Council are March 5, April, 2 and May 7.
• Elaine Sortino distributed the Athletic Department Pregnancy Policy reviewed by UMass’s legal council would be posted on the UMass Athletic website. The policy will be reviewed by the council and voted on for endorsement at the next meeting.