**Athletics Council**

**Report to Faculty Senate**

**Fall Quarter**

**October 4, 2010**

The University Athletics Council met for the first time this academic year on Friday, September 24 from 8 to 10 AM in the Atlantis Room of the Student Union. Vice President for Student Affairs, Dan Abrahamowicz, welcomed the Athletics Council and gave it its charge. The chair of the Athletics Council is Dan Krane and the vice chair is Karen Lahm.

Athletics Council subcommittee missions were described by chairs of those subcommittees: Academic Affairs (Michael Raymer), Constitution and Bylaws (Jeff John), Diverse Student Athlete Advocacy (Steve Fortson), Gender Equity (Karen Lahm), Student Welfare (Steve Fortson), Blackboard to Backboard Challenge (Jeff John), and Pre-game Lecture Series (Dan Krane).

Progress was reported on obtaining approval from the administration for a new five-year plan for Wright State Athletics and final approval was expected within the next two months.

The Blackboard to Backboard Challenge will focus on encouraging Faculty to motivate students to attend four specific men’s and women’s basketball games in early 2011 (men’s: January 14, February 3, February 7 and February 25), (women’s: January 6, January 27, February 17 and March 3). Prizes for faculty who are most effective in encouraging students to attend those four games will include a reception in the President's Box at the last men’s basketball home game of the year on February 25.

February 25 will also be the date of a pre-game lecture in the Berry Room by a CoSM faculty member prior to the start of the basketball game.

The next meeting of the Athletics Council will be on Friday, October 29 from 8 to 10 AM in the Atlantis Room of the Student Union.