

Athletics Council minutes Jan 30

Attendees: David Reynolds, Marie Bashaw, Judy Chivers, Greg Lovelady, Sheila Nahgang, Misty Cox, Roderick Perry, Chris Bethel, Bob Grant, Joakim Carlsson, Ion Kallay, Alexnader Snyder, Brandon Hays, Tom Fortures, Drw Corbett, Bob Grote, L Prochaska, Mary Kenton, Mark Gazdik, Lynn Curylo, Joylyn Brown, Maigan Larsen, Mill Miller, Jeff John.

JoyLynn made a motion to approve the minutes. There was no second, no discussion or approval.

Lynn Curylo and Greg Lovelady led today's Coach's Corner. Both women's softball and men's baseball team boasts a significant number of academic achievers. Lynn brought a high-energy discussion about the team, their prospects for this season, and provided insight into "the river." There is a lot of senior leadership on the team, which finished well last year. She reminded everyone that the softball team's annual Monte Carlo night fundraiser is tomorrow. She talked about their new bat-testing machine and the effects it can have when detecting an illegal bat in the visitor's dugout. Greg talked about the baseball team's extracurricular efforts (e.g., building a Habitat for Humanity house through the Church of Nazarene, reading with elementary students at Shaw Elementary in the library, and visits children at Children's Hospital). The 11th annual fundraiser had over 300 attendees raising significant coin (\$14-17,000). Prospects for this season are high, having the best year in school history last year. Starting pitching should be strong.

There was some discussion as to how to better publicize the community outreach and service. The conversation devolved to "What is newsworthy to the DDN and the Guardian?" and "Should someone make a concerted effort to use twitter to affect a change?" Social media is being used effectively and the AD creates printed material yearly to address this aim. The DDN and Guardian seemingly don't have the same appreciation for the outreach of WSU athletes as does the council. No effective strategy was identified.

The Presidents box is available for members of the Council against Green Bay. Athletes with academic honor students will be recognized. Box is available at 7. Game at 8.

The Faculty Senate President Matt Rizki declared Athletics Council needs a financial oversight committee. Dr. Prochaska, Bill Wood, and Bob Grant form the committee. Dr. Prochaska will coordinate their efforts.

Steve Fortson, at the request of the Steering Committee, obtained information about the Athletic Councils of Horizon League school. Apparently there is a diverse composition of league committees with different extent of oversight. WSU's Council is larger and more active than most. Dr. Prochaska asked the details be shared with the council.

Constitution Committee reports says our constitution is 'long in the tooth.' Dr. John will offer up suggested changes by email for discussion at the next meeting.

Gender Equity Committee met just prior to today's meeting. Gender Equity has received the EADA report that has detailed financial information about University Athletics as it applies to Title IX. The committee's final report will include a different perspective of Athletic finances than the Finance Committee.

Academic Affairs Committee will meet in a few weeks. Banner has been tweaked to allow compliments to be made in an advising alert. Faculty participation is being monitored.

FAR report and Diversity Committees have not met and Dr. Fortson is not here.

SAAC report. Not met since last meeting. New officers will be elected next month. They have goals to create a constitution and increase attendance at other events. The Rowdies coming up in Spring (finding a date is hard). It was alleged that Mr. Carllson "was only attending so he wouldn't be fined."

A party from the NCAA (including Oliver Luck and Derrick Coffey and AMA members) will make a visit Monday that extends through Wednesday. They will be given a facility tour, will go to the Men's Basketball game, meet with stakeholders, and meet the athletes. They want to secure a better understanding of WSU Athletics and learn what a quality program looks like. Maigen Larsen, Brittany Whiteside's replacement, will coordinate this effort.

AD reports Maigen Larson has started and Jeff Giles will come on board soon. Mr. Grant says we have great coach repartee and camaraderie. Excited with the NCAA coming. The NCAA visit will probably be a thing.

Spring Sports update. "People, just look at the schedules!" Women's Basketball team set a scoring record and Tay'ler Mingo is a member of 1000 pt. club.

Public comment...none

Steering committee will meet.

Next meeting is in explorer room E103 SU. Feb 27.