

Wright State University Athletics Council Agenda

Friday, October 28, 2016, 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Atlantis Room 157 Student Union

Present: M. Miller (Chair), M. Bashaw, S. Farra, S. Carrafiello, M. Emmert, D. Mirkin, K. Sobolik, J. Chivers, J. Stovall, C. Modica, M. Cox, K. Johnson, J. Brown, T. Fortener, A. Voss, D. Corbett, L. Prochaska, B. Grant, S. Fortson, J. Giles, M. Larsen, B. Grote

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. by the Chair, Mill Miller
2. A motion to approve the minutes of the 10/28/16 meeting with the inclusion of Maigan Larsen as an attendee was made and seconded (Fortson/Prochaska) and the motion passed.
3. Old Business: none
4. New Business:
 - a. Coaches Corner: Katrina Merriweather, women's basketball coach, Team has been practicing for a few weeks but the team has a several athletes with injuries. Team has discussed mature practices of social media and use of 'selfies.' Team will play an up-tempo style of play. Coach answered fifteen minutes of questions about the conference, the team, and the character of the student-athletes. This year the team will play seven double headers with the men's basketball team.

The WBB team trip to the tournament in San Juan, Puerto Rico has been moved to Daytona, Florida due to the threat of Zika with no addition cost to WSU. WBB will not play U. Dayton this year.

- b. Announced that a facilities tour was being scheduled.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Steering Committee: Has assembled Council agendas and discussed a rudimentary plan for the Financial Oversight committee to run.
 - b. Academic Affairs: will present at next meeting when final numbers are generated (the week of Nov 13).
 - c. Constitution and Bylaws: Looking at bylaws next month
 - d. Financial Oversight: A meeting will be scheduled before the next Council meeting to identify information we need to attain subcommittee objectives.
 - e. Gender Equity: not met but need volunteers.
 - f. Diverse Student Athletic Advocacy: meeting next month,
 - g. Student Welfare: meeting next month
6. Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Report: President Hopkins has invited us to the President's Box in the Nutter Center (MBB vs Urbana) Dec. 13.
7. SAAC Report by Jake Stovall. SAAC has created and athletes have signed separate Social Media and anti-Hazing polices. The latter is Greg Dale from Duke addressed

athletes about leaders. Vanessa Madrigal (W-Tennis) was one of two Horizon League athletes selected to attend a Student-Athletes Leadership Forum in Baltimore, MD. SAAC is looking into ways engage in team-specific community service.

8. Athletics Director's Report:

Bob has been recruited to serve on an *ad hoc* committee for the Horizon League to find way to improve the quality of M-BB (five teams with RPI worse than 200). Tournament payouts from the NCAA has dropped from over \$200K to ≈\$15K over the recent years. Bob discussed some ways to improve competitiveness. The Horizon League histories of Butler and Valparaiso as model schools were discussed. Men's Coach Nagy believes WSU can make the Horizon league a two league for tournament in the spring.

Bob summarized the difficulties posed by FSLA policies and budgeting the hours and overtime for staff positions, e.g trainers. Maigan Larsen and Bob hold lunch meetings with sophomore and senior student athletes to monitor their attitudes. The AD also holds dinners with each team (not using University funds!). Coaches and teams given over 2,400 hours of personal time dedicated to community outreach.

Bob provided a handout that provided overview of the select statistics that commonly used to characterize the finances of an Athletics Department. The 2014 internal audit by Peter Cheng showed that athletics' revenue is in line with NCAA benchmarks and expenses are lower by approximately 16% (\$2M). WSU athletics accounts for 3% of the university budget. The national average is 6%. WSU student-athletes generated in \$1.8 M tuition and SSI income as only a minority receives full athletic scholarships. WSU athletics also generates \$800K in revenue from sponsorship deals and the like. This revenue is split equally with the Nutter Center, an acceptable but unusual sharing plan. WSU expenses in 2014-15 were \$11.6M. This was the lowest in the state. Cleveland St. was second to last with \$11.9M in expenses. Conversely, OSU athletic expenses were the highest (\$154M). WSU expenses were second lowest in the Horizon League and 7% (\$800K below league benchmarks). UIC was highest (\$16.2M). UW-GB was lowest (\$8.5M). Bob believes WSU has the best attendance and fans in the league. The facilities are also the best although they haven't been upgraded in eleven years.

The six-year student-athletic graduation rate last year was 88%. The university rate was substantially lower.

9. Sports Update provided by Joylynn Brown

10. Public Comment: none

11. Announcements and Informational Items

- a. Next AC Steering Committee Meeting 9 a.m. November 9, 2016 Office of Athletics
- b. Next AC Meeting 8 a.m. November 18, 2016 Atlantis Room (157 SU)
- c. Members of the Financial Oversight Committee are requested to meet for five minutes after meeting to schedule first meeting

Adjourn