

Wright State University Athletics Council Agenda

Friday, September 30, 2016, 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Atlantis Room 157 Student Union

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

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mill Miller
2. A motion (Bashaw/Mirkin) was made to approve the minutes of 4/29/16 as presented. The motion passed.
3. A motion (Bashaw/Prochaska) was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Topic: Identify a Secretary to replace Sherry Farra for 2016-17.
Discussion: Having no volunteers, Bashaw and Miller will attempt to keep minutes
Action: Closed
 - b. Topic: 2015-16 Annual Report was presented.
Discussion: None
Action: Closed
5. New Business:
 - a. Topic: Coaches Corner Scott Nagy Men's Basketball.
Discussion: Shared his vision for the upcoming season. Stretching and challenging the players to make them fine young men. 7 non-divisional home games. We don't have a true point guard so we are teaching one young man how to play this position now. We have been recruiting quite a bit this fall to build our future teams. We now have a tall large center who will take up space in the middle of the key and has soft hands with quick feet. He is so strong, he shattered one of the backboards. We are now in a referee consortium which will give us a broad range of referee's which is good.
Action: Closed
 - b. Topic: Dr. Abrahamowicz
Discussion: Today was Dr. Az's last day, he is retiring after 20 plus years at WSU. He shared his thanks to the Athletics council for all of their work over these past years. With his retirement, Athletics will now be reporting directly to the president, (as do the other NCAA Athletic Departments). A cake was presented to Dr. Az with his namesake on the cake (a pro football player). Everyone thanked Dr. Az for his support to Athletics.
Action: Closed
 - c. Topic: Setting sub-committee rosters and looking at the year ahead
Discussion: Last year's committee chairs shared what the responsibilities were for each committee. A sign-up sheet was then sent around and all members signed up for at least one of the subcommittees.

Action: subcommittees will be contacted by one of the members of the steering committee and will commence meeting.

d. Topic: Committee Reports

Discussion:

The Steering Committee shall consist of the following persons: Chair of the Athletics Council or a designated representative who must be a member of the Council, Vice Chair of the Athletics Council, One student representative from the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, One at large member appointed by the Chair of the Athletics Council, The Athletics Director or his/her designee acting ex-officio as a nonvoting member, The Immediate Past Chair acting ex-officio as a nonvoting member. The Steering Committee shall: Advise the Athletics Council on the establishment or elimination of committees, Appoint the members of the standing and ad hoc committees, and the chairs of those committees, subject to ratification by Athletics Council, Prepare and approve agendas for Athletics Council meetings, Act as an oversight committee to see that responsibilities mandated by the Athletics Council's Constitution and Bylaws are fulfilled, Review the annual budget that the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics submits to the Administration; consult with appropriate members of the University Administration as needed concerning the costs of Intercollegiate Athletics and how these will impact fiscal planning, Like the Chair, may appoint and reappoint ad hoc non-voting members to the Athletics Council for terms not to exceed one year as needed.

The Academic Affairs Committee shall consist of the following persons, who shall be members of the Athletics Council: Three faculty; two members selected at large; one student; an Assistant or Associate Athletics Director (ex-officio, nonvoting); the Athletics Academic Adviser (ex-officio). The Academic Affairs Committee shall be responsible for recommending (to the Athletics Council) requirements for academic eligibility, reviewing and recommending policies for awarding grants-in-aid, approving fifth-year scholarships and periodically reviewing eligibility of students participating in intercollegiate athletics as reported by the Athletics Director. The Academic Affairs Committee shall report to the Athletics Council the academic status of Wright State University student athletes at least once each semester. An annual report will also be presented to the Athletics Council in the Spring semester for approval.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of at least three Council members, selected by the Steering Committee. Non-voting members may be asked to participate, as needed. The Committee shall periodically review the Council's Constitution and Bylaws and make recommendations to the Athletics Council for changes if appropriate. An annual report will be presented to the Athletics Council in the Spring semester for approval.

The Financial Oversight Committee shall: review all aspects of the Athletic Department budget and finances each year in order to assure that the budgetary targets and goals are aligned with the University mission. Report to the Athletics council at least once each semester, and shall prepare a formal final report each academic year that can be delivered to the Faculty Senate and the university president's office. The Financial Oversight Committee shall consist of at least three faculty members, with the Athletics Director or his or her designee serving as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.

Gender Equity. Voting membership on the Gender Equity Committee shall consist of the Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) in the Athletics Department, a female student athlete appointed by the Student Athlete Advisory Council, the Faculty Athletics Representative(s) and no more than five additional persons to be appointed by the Steering Committee. The SWA will not serve as Chair. The University's Affirmative Action Officer will serve ex-officio. Other resource persons may be asked to participate, as needed. The Gender Equity Committee shall gather information from a variety of sources about the status of Title IX compliance on an annual basis; make recommendations to the Athletics Director, the Athletics Council and the Central Administration about how to achieve or maintain gender equity. An annual report will be presented to the Athletics Council in the Spring semester for approval. The Diverse Student Athlete Advocacy Committee shall consist of at least three Council members, appointed by the Steering Committee. At least one of the members will be a student representative. Other resource persons may be asked to participate, as needed. The Diverse Student Athlete Advocacy Committee shall monitor the academic and social progress of minority athletes. Minimally, the committee will prepare an annual report of the academic progress of minority athletes compared to all WSU athletes. Additional items for the annual report may include recommendations to the Athletics Department to improve the academic and/or social climate for WSU minority athletes. An annual report will be presented to the Athletics Council in the Spring semester for approval.

The Student Welfare Committee, at a minimum, shall consist of the following: NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative(s), Chair of Athletics Council (or their designee), Faculty Senate Representative on Athletics Council, Team Physician, and Chair of Student Athletes Advisory Committee (SAAC). Ex-officio members include: Athletics Training Program Director, Associate Athletics Director for NCAA Compliance (non-voting), Student-Athletes Academic Advisor, a full-time coach, and the Life Skills Coordinator. The Chair of the Student Welfare Committee shall be a NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative. The Student Welfare Committee shall: monitor, evaluate, and address student-athlete health, safety, and welfare on a continuing basis, monitor, evaluate, and address grievance and appeals procedures available to student-athletes, when appropriate, provide student-athletes with timely intervention, information, and referrals as they relate to student welfare issues, oversee the process for exit and midterm interviews and determine how the information gathered is used to improve student-athlete welfare. Additionally, the Student Welfare Committee shall conduct interviews of student-athletes who leave the program early, when possible, and create subcommittees, if required, with additional individuals as needed, to deal with sensitive issues that could compromise the identity of individual student-athletes and their teams. An annual report will be presented to the Athletics Council in the Spring semester for approval.

Action: Members signed up. Closed

Topic: Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Report

Discussion: recent meeting with Horizon League.

Action:

6. Topic: SAAC Report

Discussion: Student athletes support one another's teams. Very active with community. Looking at supporting Special Olympics, possibly Alex's Lemonade stand this year. Next SAAC meeting in Berry

Room next week Tuesday at 7am.

Action: Closed

7. Topic: Athletics Director's Report

Discussion: Attended the Horizon league, Men's Basketball meeting. Most coaches feel that this is a one bid team. Scott Nagy doesn't believe this. Scott Nagy is the most prepared Coach we have ever hired from outside. Our graduation success rate is 88%, highest ever. We have 5 new head coaches. We spend the lowest in the state of Ohio on athletics, we spend the second lowest in the Horizon league. We finished first in 6 sports last year. Athletics is looking for ways to cut so the glossy brochure, donor bbq, and Halloween hoops were all cut. Each of these cuts saved \$7,000 each.

Action: Closed

8. Topic: Sports Update

Discussion: Men's soccer defeated Oakland, last year's Horizon League champs, 1-0 on the road while the women's soccer team beat Valparaiso 2-1 at Alumni Field. The women are in first place while the men are just a point from first in their race. The volleyball team came back from a 2-0 deficit for the 3-2 win over Valparaiso Saturday afternoon at home. The swimming and diving teams opened the new season with a double dual at Butler as the men came away with wins over St. Louis, Valparaiso, Western Illinois, and Xavier, while the women's teams were winners over St. Louis, Valparaiso, Western Illinois, and Butler.

Women's soccer goalie Katie Ruff posted a 2-1 win over Valpo and was awarded the Horizon League Defensive Player of the Week for the third time this season. The women's soccer team will play at Milwaukee Saturday. Men's soccer swept the Horizon League Player of the Week honors as Peguy Ngatcha was named the Offensive Player of the Week and Jake Stovall received a similar honor for his solid defense in the win at Oakland. Ngatcha notched his league-leading ninth goal at Oakland. The men's team will play at Virginia Tech Tuesday and at Detroit Mercy Saturday. Volleyball will host Cleveland State Friday night and play at Green Bay Sunday. Swimming and diving is off until they compete at IUPUI on Oct. 22. Congratulations to our players, coaches, and fans for a great week.

Action: Closed

9. Public Comment – None

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted, Marie Bashaw, Vice Chair