

Wright State University Athletics Council Minutes

Friday, February 24, 2017, 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Atlantis Room 157 Student Union

Attendees: Susan Carrafiello, Marty Emmert, L. David Mirkin, Trevor Doll, Judy Chivers, Maigan Larsen, Koty Johnson, Chris Modica, Deanna Terelle, , Andy Voss, Corey Ellis, Drew Corbett, Tom Fortener, Mary Kenton, Larry Prochaska, Woody Willis, Steve Fortson, Mill Miller, Ryan Fullenkamp, Misty Cox

Guests: Paul Rybolt, Bill Duncan, Dave McSemek

1. Call to Order Mill Miller
2. Approval of 1/27/17 Minutes
3. Old Business: none
4. New Business:
 - a. Coaches Corner: Donors to Athletics Paul - Basketball fan forever, support basketball – premium seat holder, as well Liberal Arts. Develop personal relationships and they are stronger better than corporate that can leave at any time. Dave – Season ticket holder, Chairman of Foundation Investment committee, Raj Soin Graduate. Active in WSU since joining the business community, athletics was the hook that brought me to the university. Bill – on multiple university committees, business school. (Mayor of Oakwood) went to WSU when we had 4 buildings. Season ticket holder. Hire WSU students (CPA for taxes) Athletics has less than 5% of scholarships as full rides. The majority of students pay tuition. Success in athletics drives university Philanthropy. Engagement with other university alumni became engaged with Athletics. Bill Duncan
Paul Rybolt
Dave McSemek
 - b. Discussion of election for new vice chair and recording secretary
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Steering Committee Mill Miller
 - b. Academic Affairs Marie Bashaw

Moved and seconded (Kenton/Fortson) to approve 5th year scholarships. There was a vote to approve \$66,000 for these students. Marie Bashaw
 - c. Constitution and Bylaws - Bylaws to stand affirmed as written
 - d. Financial Oversight will have final report in few weeks Mill Miller

Uniqueness of relationship with Nutter Center. Then we would like to get this message out to Faculty, perhaps on Faculty List Serve. Athletics is 3% of the University Budget. 300 student ambassadors. Ranked in the top 25 in both women's basketball and men's baseball.
 - e. Gender Equity – met, working through the numbers, gathered data on travel and recruiting, similar to previous years. Mary Kenton
 - f. Diverse Student Athletic Advocacy – sending out yearly survey,

- working on post-graduate scholarships
- g. Student Welfare Steve Fortson
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6. Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Report Steve Fortson
- SAAC Report – 1. Leadership Development Maigan Larsen
- a. SAAC has continued their Leadership Development activities at the beginning of each SAAC meeting. In February the members completed a core values activity to identify their three values that will lead them through both the personal, academic, and athletic areas of their lives. Next month they will be doing a new activity, Think.Pair.Share, where they will be reflecting on emotional intelligence and how it relates to the different areas in their lives.
2. Community Service
- a. SAAC has continued working with their philanthropy for the 2016-2017 school year, Special Olympics. Teams and individual student-athletes have been volunteering for the organization at their spring bowling practices and tournaments.
- b. Student-athletes will be traveling to the Horizon Science Academy in Dayton on March 9th for Right to Read Month to read their favorite stories to the children and talk to them about the importance of education.
3. Office Positions for 2017-2018
- a. In march the committee will distribute Officer Interest Forms to members of SAAC as they prepare for voting and naming new Officers for next year.
- b. SAAC has already nominated Macey Gunther (Softball) and Sam Meek (Golf) to sit on the Horizon League Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.
4. One Love Foundation
- a. This has been a campaign that was brought to student-athletes in the spring of 2016. Next month the Life Skills will be a mandatory workshop for freshmen student-athletes as they go through the One Love Workshop.
5. Life Skills
- a. February 8th: Coping with the Winter Blues Voluntary Workshop facilitated by the Counseling & Wellness Office
- b. February 12th: Bystander Intervention Program Mandatory Workshop facilitated by the Counseling and Wellness Office.
7. c. March 19th: One Love Workshop Mandatory for all freshmen.
8. Athletics Director's Report – Baseball ranked 25th in nation. When presidential candidates were here interviewing, student athletes showed up 50 to 60 at each interview and were 80% of the attendees Bob Grant
9. Sports Update Trevor Doll
- Men's Basketball had a four game winning streak snapped at Northern Kentucky on Tuesday. This followed a thrilling 74-68 double overtime victory at Cleveland State. We are currently 5th in the standings with two games to play. The first of which is tonight against Valpo at 7:30pm, with the final one being played Sunday at 2pm against UIC. Sunday's game is also our senior night game.

Women's Basketball had a 14 game winning streak snapped Monday at Detroit. This followed two tight wins at Cleveland State and Youngstown. Prior to the loss in Detroit, we had received a vote for the top 25. We are currently in 1st place in the Horizon league with a conference record of 14-2 and 22-6 overall. We have two games left to play. The first, tonight at 5pm we take on Green Bay. If we win, we clinch the Horizon League regular season for the first time in WSU history, and would 18 straight years of Green Bay winning the regular season. Sunday, the women close out their season at 5pm against Milwaukee, which also senior night.

Men's and Women's Swimming are currently competing in the Horizon League tournament. So far, Kyah Fleckner got a first place finish in the 3 meter dive while the women's 200 medley relay team of Sofia Aledo, Nikki Borgerding, Emily Hayhow, and Ashlyn Roberts set a new school record. On the men's side, the 200 freestyle team of Chace Conley, Dominic Poletta, Bradford Johnson, and PJ Musser took 1st place, while Mitch Godar came in 2nd in the 2 meter diving.

The women's track team competes in the Horizon League tournament this weekend. In the past month, Alex Brown was named the Horizon League Track Runner of the Week for the week ending February 19. Alex set a new school record in the 1 mile run at the Ball State Quad on February 17, winning the event with a time of 5:05.38.

Men's tennis picked up their first win against South Dakota State this past Saturday. They play Dayton this Saturday at 2:30pm at South Regency.

Women's tennis won against Bowling Green before losing a close one 4-3 against Toledo. The women play again Saturday at Bradley.

Softball picked up two wins at their first tournament of the season. Both wins were against Houston. The team begins their second tournament today in Bowling Green against Illinois State at 10am followed by Austin Peay at 5pm. Tomorrow they play Indiana State at 10:30am and Western Kentucky at 4pm before closing out the tournament Sunday against IUPUI at 11am.

Finally, baseball. Nothing happening there. We only took two of three games from previously #10 ranked Clemson to secure ourselves a spot as the 25th best ranked team in the nation. The first time Wright State baseball has ever been ranked. However, our 25th ranked RaiderGang have quite the test this weekend as they take on the 5th ranked South Carolina Gamecocks in South Carolina. The first game is tonight at 7pm with second being tomorrow at 4pm with the finale being played Sunday at 1:30pm.

10. Public Comment

Announcements and Informational Items

- a. Next AC Steering Committee Meeting 9 a.m. March 24, 2017 Office of Athletics
- b. **Next AC Meeting 8 a.m. March 31, 2017 Atlantis Room (157 SU).**

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