



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2002

PRESENT: Gary Ferenchick, Liz Turpin, Joan Garety, Robin Poston, Gaylan Rasmussen, Chuck Gagliano, June Youatt, Ed Outslay, Mel Yokoyama, Ann Marie Kersten, Sedric Audas, Clarence Underwood, Michael Kasavana, Jack Lloyd

ABSENT: Keith Williams, Kurt Lausman, Francisco Villarruel, Tom Schmidt

The meeting was convened at 7:30 a.m. The minutes of December 6, 2001 were approved as amended.

CIC and PAC-10 Resolutions Letter to ECAC

Kasavana distributed a copy of the letter sent to Norm Abeles, ECAC Chairperson, in response to his request for Athletic Council review of the CIC and PAC-10 intercollegiate athletic resolutions.

Varsity Letter Celebration

Athletic Council members were reminded of the upcoming varsity letter celebration honoring women athletes who participated in MSU sports prior to the awarding of varsity letters. Council members were encouraged to make reservations as early as possible. A recognition ceremony is scheduled for Sunday February 10 at Kellogg Center.

Subcommittee Reports:

Academic and Compliance Services

Subcommittee Chair Rasmussen reported that the group had met and discussed several of the points the Provost had raised during her recent Athletic Council visit. In addition the subcommittee met with

SASS Director Demetrius Marlowe and discussed numerous issues, including student-athlete recognition, areas of responsibility, defining at-risk, and the difference between an academic counselor and academic advisor. Class attendance tracking and the monitoring of academic progress were also discussed. Council discussion followed.

Planning and Equity Committee

Outsley reported the group had not met but planned to meet prior to the next Athletic Council meeting.

Communications and Operations

No report. The group has not met.

Drug Education and Testing Committee

Ferenchick reported that the potential role of SASS counselors in the reasonable suspicion aspects of the drug education and testing program are being studied. Since sporadic behavior and academic dysfunction may indicate at-risk candidates, the committee is investigating the relationship of support staff and student-athletes. The committee is also reviewing its specimen handling and testing procedures.

Athletic Director Report

Underwood reported as follows:

1. 2000-2001 Revenues/Funds Raised Review
2. Ice Hockey Ticket Price Increase Proposal
 - a. 10% price increase (rounded to next whole dollar) for all except student ticket prices (no change)
 - b. Council supported the price change proposal
3. Dance Groups – convergence of two clubs into one club is being discussed
4. Varsity Letter Celebration – reviewed the schedule of events
5. Big Ten Men's Basketball Tournament – preliminary plans presented
6. Budget Planning – 2002-2003 departmental budget meetings are beginning to occur (zero-based approach to be used)
7. Athletic Director Search Update – a search firm is working to identify candidates and the process is moving forward

Faculty Athletic Representative Report

Kasavana reviewed the NCAA Certification process and explained the significance of the recent modification in NCAA governance that now requires only concurrence of the campus' final authority as evidence of financial capability in matters of gender equity and minority opportunity programming. He also commented on a distributed report of television ratings (market share) for Big Ten football games played primarily in the month of November.

Around the Table

A question was raised relative to the availability of faculty facilities in the Jenison renovation project. No such provisions are provided.

The meeting concluded at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Kasavana", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael L. Kasavana
(for Keith Williams)