



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2001

PRESENT: Sue Carter, Joan Garety, Charles Gagliano, Mike Kasavana, Jack Lloyd, Edmund Outslay, Gaylan Rasmussen, Gloria Smith, Elizabeth Turpin, Clarence Underwood, Chris Vanderpool, Keith Williams, June Youatt

ABSENT: Bill Anderson, Rick Audas, Robin Poston, Michael Webber, Damon Whitten

GUESTS: Ted Mahan, Charles Braun

The meeting was convened at 7:30 a.m. The minutes of the February 15 meeting were approved as distributed.

Ted Mahan, head baseball coach, was the guest. The team has had an interesting season. After losing several games early in the season, the team enjoys a current record of 29 wins and 16 losses. The team has won nine of the last 10 games, including a win over Michigan. They are scheduled to play four conference games at Penn State and need to win three of the games to qualify for Big Ten playoffs.

Coach Mahan explained that the baseball facility needs new bleachers and a new press box. The team has appreciated playing at Olds Field in Lansing, however it has not been very successful playing there. The condition of the campus facilities

might place MSU at a disadvantage in recruiting players from out of state. The coach feels, however, that his staff has done a great job recruiting from within the state. They have been able to get Michigan's Mr. Baseball for the past four years.

The team has an overall grade point average of 2.8.

Regarding NCAA playoffs, usually the conference winner receives an automatic berth. Sixty-four teams are selected and the Big Ten typically places three teams in the playoffs.

Charles Braun, shortstop from Grosse Pointe was the second guest of the meeting. Braun played high school baseball and received a scholarship to attend Michigan State. He decided to attend MSU because he thought it was a great school with a good atmosphere and a great baseball team.

Both Coach Mahan and Charles Braun left the meeting after their presentation.

Judy Van Horn gave an annual compliance report.

- * Van Horn expressed that the role of Athletic Council in general is critical to compliance. The compliance subcommittee is particularly important.
- * Van Horn meets monthly with council chair Kasavana and also with athletic director Underwood to discuss compliance issues.
- * The office is fortunate to have strong support from the administration. Michigan State's compliance office has become a model for other schools.
- * MSU continues on probation until December 2, 2001, and is expected to pass successfully through the probation period. The compliance office's stance is that no violation is too small to be reviewed and reported. Coaches and student-athletes know that this is a top-down effort receiving support from the president to the coaches. The focus in the department is on preventive measures. There is a formalized reporting process and a majority of the requests received by the office is for interpretation. It is important that coaches continue to ask questions and increase their level of general knowledge of compliance rules. Institutional control is critical and the degree to which it exists will determine if minor issues will become big issues. Several meetings are held annually with groups within and outside

the department. Students are quizzed periodically to inform them of important issues and to find out the degree of understanding they have of compliance information. Compliance staff also meets with university groups, local businesses frequented by student-athletes and also parents. Van Horn praised the model set by the basketball program whereby she meets with parents to discuss a range of issues from agents to professionalism to working with the media. She also mentioned that whenever it can the University tries to influence deregulation.

Subcommittee Reports:

Academic and Compliance Services

The Academic and Compliance Services report was given by subcommittee chair Smith. The committee continues to look at the student survey forms and its revisions. The committee would like to know what happens eventually to the survey information collected.

Planning and Equity

Sue Carter gave the committee report. She praised Shelley Applebaum for her help as department liaison to the committee. Roster management is going well. Female participation in varsity sports has increased from 30 to 53%. This increase will require that more attention be given to providing additional scholarships. Carter complimented the Women's Golf team on its success as Big Ten champions.

Communications and Operations

No report.

Drug Education and Testing

Kasavana gave the report prepared by Anderson in his absence. The committee continues to look at techniques for sample collecting.

Athletic Director Report

Athletic Director Underwood began his report by thanking the committee for its support throughout the year.

- The department contracted with WXYZ radio to broadcast football games. Currently the station broadcasts professional sports in the Detroit area.
- On the 16th and 17th of May the department will undertake a staff retreat to address internal issues.
- The budget development is going well.
- The Breslin Berkowitz extension is underway and on schedule. The department is also in the process of planning the construction of a boathouse for the MSU crew team.
- The Spartan Stadium grass project will begin March 2002. Around the same time, artificial turf will be placed on a redesigned outdoor track. A major sponsor backed out of a tentative agreement to underwrite a major portion of the costs to repair the track. Monies must now come from football ticket price increases.
- The Munn video board installation is on schedule and most of the monies for it have been raised.
- The department's event management position will be filled half time by Colleen Christy and the other half by Rich Atkinson.
- The Ralph Young Fund has raised more unrestricted funds than last year.
- The Jenison construction project will completely renovate the areas currently used as locker and training rooms. The project will take approximately one year.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

No report.

Faculty Athletics Representative Report

Chair Kasavana reported on the continuing discussion regarding the merits of paying stipends to student-athletes. The cost of educating a student-athlete is already sizeable when the costs of travel, equipment, facilities, etc. are taken into consideration.

Kasavana informed the council that the women's polo club has submitted a third application for varsity status. He distributed a list of 2001-02 meeting dates and reminded the faculty that the president decides whom to appoint and reappoint to the council. There also was some discussion about student attendance.


Kasavana also reviewed the MSU student-athlete 10-year MSU graduation rates.

Roundtable

There were no items from around the table.

The meeting concluded at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith A. Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Keith A. Williams
Secretary