



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2005

PRESENT: Dennis Banks, John Breslin, Rique Campa, Connie Currier, Joan Garety, Eric Hinojosa, Fayyaz Hussain, Mike Kasavana, Robert Maleczka, Ron Mason, Mary Noel, Liz Shimek, Harold Sollenberger, Frederick Tims, Elizabeth Turpin, Keith Williams

ABSENT: George Eyster, Charles Gagliano

GUESTS: Jennifer Smith, David Grewe, Peggy Brown, John Dwan

The meeting was convened at 7:30 a.m. The minutes of the September 8, 2005, meeting were approved as distributed.

The first guest of the morning was David Grewe, head baseball coach. He has been at Michigan State for three months; he is from Royal Oak and attended the University of Dayton. Grewe has coached at a number of places including Central Michigan and most recently the University of Notre Dame. He refers to his return to Michigan State as a coming home; he enjoys being in the state and coaching at MSU.

He is very pleased with his staff and expects that their talent will be integral to the success of the program. He recently met with the team and coaches to discuss the four essential values in shaping the program's success. The first is baseball; it is

critical that players view their development through baseball. Next is school; coach Grewe expects excellence at all times in and out of the classroom. The third is a keen work ethic; no further explanation needed. The fourth is family, a value that pertains to the baseball family, as well as the MSU family. The coach further stressed that the decision to get an education would affect more than the four years enrolled at MSU. Indeed, it would affect a lifetime by virtue of the friendships formed and acquaintances established.

The season begins in February. In the meantime, Grewe is looking forward to fundraising for the proposed College Field baseball facility. The facility will draw attention to Michigan State and aid in recruitment. Recruiting is going well. He has recruited one of the top players in the country from Wisconsin and another tremendous student-athlete from Frazier, Michigan.

Grewe introduced student-athlete John Dwan, a junior from Libertyville, Illinois. Dwan confirmed that there is great excitement on the team, which is exhibited in the team's eagerness to practice. The team has the right attitude to win. Team members are working harder than he can recall teams having done in previous years.

In response to a question about steroid testing, the coach mentioned that problem steroid usage has not been a part of his experience at Michigan State or elsewhere. There are rumors about use at certain colleges but certainly there is nothing definitive. Drug education is an integral part of the program and is delivered through lectures by the coaches as well as guest speakers. The sessions are intended to enlighten the players about the risks of drug abuse, and encourage them to make sensible decisions. Each player is required to sign a form consenting to drug testing.

In response to a question, Dwan referred to the Smith Academic Center as "awesome". His friends at other institutions have tutors but nothing to compare to the entirety of assistance offered at the Smith Academic Center. Computers are available and the building is accessible at many hours during the day and night.

Both the coach and student-athlete left after their presentation.

The next guest of the morning was Jennifer Smith, associate athletic director for compliance who handed out several compliance documents. One document defined extra benefits for players and recruiting issues. It further detailed official and unofficial visits for prospects, recruiting materials that met compliance

requirements, and guidelines for interacting with prospects. Smith differentiated playing and practice seasons. She reminded council members that they are considered representatives of the university and that student-athletes cannot be given benefits that are not available to the general student population. For example, student-athletes cannot receive special discounts, use departmental office phones, or be provided transportation. Only coaches are allowed to contact prospects.

Changing academic majors has proven difficult for student-athletes in some instances. The difficulty hinged on internal university requirements rather than NCAA compliance expectations.

Smith departed following her presentation.

The next guest of the morning was Peggy Brown, assistant athletic director for budgets. She handed out a document that detailed the department's 2005-06 budget. She led the council through details of estimated revenues and expenditures. Using several color-coded pie charts, she illustrated points of the overall budget, revenue sources, revenues by sport, and expenditures by category and type. There was discussion about public misperceptions of the department's finances and the pressing need to educate the public. As illustration, few are aware that the department pays to the University millions in tuition dollars for student-athlete scholarships. There was further discussion about profit sharing within MSU sports camps, the department's parking costs, and the revenue generated by licensing and the sale of apparel. Ron Mason stated the athletic department is probably the university's best consumer.

Brown departed the meeting following her presentation.

Chair Kasavana reviewed the athletic council roster for updates and announced sub-committee assignments.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic and Compliance Services

Chair Rique Campa gave the report. The committee reviewed policies in the student-athlete handbook pertaining to missed classes and other issues likely to be discussed during the course of the year.

Planning and Equity

Chair Joan Garety mentioned the subcommittee had yet to meet. A meeting is planned prior to the next meeting of the Athletic Council. Garety commented on preliminary discussion with associate athletic director Shelly Applebaum relative to the committee structure and charge.

Communications and Operations

In Chuck Gagliano's absence, Robert Maleczka gave the report. At its recent meeting committee members were provided a brief overview of its assignments.

Drug and Education Committee

The report was given by Chair Robert Maleczka. One issue facing the committee is the merits of treating alcohol usage separately from other drug use. In addition, the Big Ten is discussing implementation of a conference-wide steroid use policy.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS REPORT

AD Mason reviewed issues related to the start of the football season and logistical issues pertaining to the opening of the stadium expansion. For example, one elevator did not function creating a traffic bottleneck. All elevators have been functioning properly since. He mentioned having received complaints concerning the inaccessibility of fans to contact the old Sparty statue. As a result, the old Sparty is now accessible to the public on game days from five hours before the game until one hour after kickoff. Mason mentioned there had been practically no comments concerning the alcohol and the fixed seat back policies put into place this fall.

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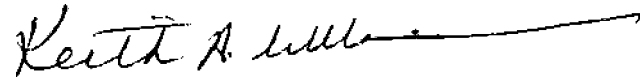
Chair Kasavana gave the report. He discussed the NCAA/MSU graduation rate report and the NCAA override vote expected to take place in January 2006 at the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis.

AROUND THE TABLE

There were no issues from around the table.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith A. Williams". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Keith A. Williams