



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Michael L. Kasavana, Ph.D., Chair

PHONE 517-353-9211

FAX 517-353-6403

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2001

PRESENT: Rick Audas, Gary Ferrenchick, Joan Garety, Charles Gagliano, Mike Kasavana, Jack Lloyd, Edmund Outslay, Robin Poston, Gaylan Rasmussen, Tom Schmidt, Elizabeth Turpin, Clarence Underwood, Keith Williams, June Youatt

ABSENT: Ann Marie Kersten, Kurt Lausman, Melvin Yokoyama

GUESTS: Jim Stintzi, Ben Evans, Ann Somerville

The meeting was convened at 7:30 a.m. The minutes of the September 6 meeting were approved as distributed.

Jim Stintzi, head cross-country coach, and student-athletes Ben Evans and Ann Somerville were today's guests. Ben is a third year history major from Detroit. He visited several Big Ten schools before deciding on MSU. The success of MSU in the Big Ten championships helped to influence his decision to attend. Ann is from Ironwood and is majoring in kinesiology. She has a 4.0 GPA, is an All-Academic Big Ten and captain of the team. She is from a family of Spartans and was very much impressed with MSU during her initial visit.

The women's cross-country team currently ranks 13th and the men's team is ranked 16th. The top 25 teams in the country will compete at the NCAA championships.

The team looks healthy as it anticipates the upcoming Big Ten championships. Both the men's and the women's teams boast the highest team GPA's in the MSU athletic department.

Coach Stintzi mentioned there is no unusual challenge coaching both men's and women's teams, especially in light of the similar schedules for meets and practices. The coach has a staff consisting of one administrative assistant.

In response to a question, Coach Stintzi answered that basically he has the resources needed for the program to be successful at Michigan State. The campus area terrain offers a challenge since there are no hills. Currently the team trains at Forest Akers East. Cross-country runners using the golf course may be disturbing to golfers but there are no ongoing safety issues. The indoor track however does not meet NCAA requirements. The coach will be delighted to see the outdoor track developed and construction completed.

Most of the program's scholarship recipients are from within the state. The program ranks at the bottom of the Big Ten in budget size. Currently there are 17 men on the cross-country team; the team is allowed to race 12. The women's team has a total of 25. The coach is interested in tapping the talent in the high schools. Accordingly, he attends no less than seven meets annually, including the high school championships. He mentioned that on average about 4,000 fans annually attend to see the men's and women's teams perform.

Following their presentations, Coach Stintzi and the student-athletes departed the meeting.

SASS Initiatives

Demetrius Underwood was not present to discuss the SASS initiatives and is expected to attend the next Athletic Council meeting.

Uniform Athlete Agent Legislation/Subcommittee Assignments

Chair Kasavana distributed and discussed a document regarding the proposed legislation to regulate sports agents. He also revisited subcommittee assignments, discussing not only the assignments but also some of the poignant issues on the

agendas of last year's subcommittees. He discussed resources available to each committee. Kasavana also advised that the selection of a chair, meeting schedules and agendas are the responsibility of each subcommittee.

Subcommittee Reports:

There were no subcommittee reports.

Athletic Director Report

Athletic Director Underwood reported as follows:

On October 25, athletic booster clubs will meet at Kellogg Center for a general review of compliance and other issues pertinent to the role that booster clubs play in Spartan athletics.

The men's gymnastics club team has approached the department for intramural space. The request was denied due to the unavailability of space.

Judy Van Horn has accepted a position at the University of Michigan. A search has produced in excess of 40 applications. The list will be narrowed to three or four applicants to interview for the vacant position.

At the August 2001 Board of Trustees meeting, the 2001-02 athletic department budget was approved. Underwood walked the council through the budget report, and emphasized the department's need to balance the budget. In the future, premium seating is expected to provide new revenues.

Faculty Athletics Representative Report

Chair Kasavana distributed and discussed the student-athlete progress report update contained in an email response from registrar Linda Stanford. He reported on a recent Big Ten meeting and provided a meeting summary report. He also distributed and discussed the Big Ten Sportslike Conduct Policy, Big Ten NCAA graduation rate document, and a proposed model for NCAA Student Educational

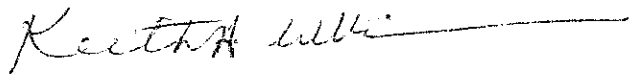
Opportunity funding. The council favored item 2-B on the memo of opportunity funding options.

Round Table

No additional issues surfaced from around the table.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith A. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith A. Williams
Secretary