



ATHLETIC COUNCIL

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Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2001

PRESENT: Rick Audas, Gary Ferenchick, Joan Garety, Charles Gagliano, Mike Kasavana, Ann Marie Kersten, Kurt Lausman, Jack Lloyd, Edmund Outslay, Robin Poston, Gaylan Rasmussen, Tom Schmidt, Elizabeth Turpin, Clarence Underwood, Keith Williams, Melvin Yokoyama, June Youatt

GUESTS: Chris Besanceney

The meeting was convened at 7:30 a.m. The minutes of the May 10 meeting were approved as distributed.

Chair Kasavana distributed the Athletic Council roster and the meeting dates for 2001-02. He also distributed a listing of committee assignments, and gave the Council a brief discussion of the purpose and assignment for each committee.

Chris Besanceney, athletic ticket manager, was introduced to the Council. He has held the position for one year, after serving seven years as the assistant ticket manager and also working in the ticket office as a graduate student. This year he has been in a learning role, which he describes as extremely important. Nonetheless, he feels well prepared for the position. He underscored that the

ticket office does not set ticket policy but implements the policy of the university regarding ticket distribution and pricing. He stressed the themes of his office as customer service and accountability. He has a staff of two assistants, and four full-time clerical secretaries.

Besanceney has served four years in football ticket sales and four years in men's basketball ticket sales. He says that there is much discussion regarding re-seating and ticket allocation. If the university solidly supports the ticket distribution program and the plan is communicated well, he believes problems will be minimized.

Besanceney left the meeting after his presentation.

Demetrius Marlowe could not be present to discuss SASS Initiatives.

There was no student-athlete or coach in attendance at the meeting.

Chair Kasavana introduced and discussed a document regarding the athletic information system at Michigan State.

Subcommittee Reports:

There were no subcommittee reports.

Athletic Director Report

Athletic Director Underwood reported as follows:

- The Hall of Fame dinner and induction will be held September 7 at Kellogg Center.
- The Cold War ice hockey game vs. U/M is scheduled October 6 in Spartan Stadium.
- The 2001 summer sports campus conducted by MSU coaches were very successful. Attendance and participation was good.

- Construction on the Breslin Berkowitz extension is on schedule.
- The concrete restoration continues in Spartan Stadium. Additional construction is being considered for this academic year, which will include a boathouse for the Crew team.
- The placement of grass in Spartan Stadium, the installation of video boards in Munn Ice Arena, and Jenison Fieldhouse construction are underway.
- Underwood congratulated the Ralph Young Fund on a record setting fundraising year.
- He provided the Council names of several new athletic department staff members.
- The 2001-02 budget is near completion and will be presented at an upcoming Athletic Council meeting.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Kasavana presented the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee report. The 2001-02 SAAC chair, Ann Marie Kersten, was introduced to the group. She had no report as the group's first meeting is scheduled for the third week in September.

Faculty Athletics Representative Report

Chair Kasavana reviewed the following distributed documents: PC Requirements for Freshmen Student-Athletes, MSU Gender Equity Report, MSU/NCAA Graduation Rate Report, MSU Student-Athlete Survey Report and the NCAA Membership Report.

Kasavana also discussed several additional issues including the approval of varsity sport schedules, the University of Michigan pre-game legislative luncheon and the distribution of media guides to Council members by Sports Information.

Round Table

No additional issues surfaced from around the table discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith A. Williams". A long horizontal line extends from the end of the signature to the right.

Keith A. Williams

Secretary