

Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACA)

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting

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PRESENT: Doug Hartmann (chair), Rich Weinberg, Virginia Zuiker, Patrick Walsh, Clair Grimwood, Mark Nelson, J.T. Bruett, Luke Silovich, Laurie McLaughlin, Tom Brothen, Duane Nelson, Joel Maturi, Jon Loveall, Melissa Avery, Linda Mona, Duane Nelson,

REGRETS: Ron Greene, Jerry Noyce, and Linda Brady

ABSENT: Douglas Olson

GUESTS: Phil Esten (associate athletics director)

Professor Hartmann called the meeting to order and as a first item of business turned to Joel Maturi and Phil Esten, who provided an impressive virtual tour of the TCF Bank Stadium. To view the virtual tour go to:

http://www.gophersports.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=8400&ATCLID=13827

63 After the virtual tour, members of the committee gave an enthusiastic round of applause.

The design of the stadium will be that of a horseshoe-shaped bowl, and will have a traditional collegiate look and feel and truly represent the state of Minnesota. It is on time and on budget, Mr. Maturi noted.

- By April, brick will be visible and by summer the bowl will be constructed.
- 87 Counties will be honored.
- An entryway will be dedicated to students; veterans will be honored as well as the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC), to name a few.
- 90% of the materials used to build the stadium come from Minnesota.
- Third phase of fund-raising will begin in April. Individuals will be able to contribute money at any level. Bricks will be available for purchase for \$1,000. Faculty and staff will be afforded the opportunity to contribute through payroll deduction, much like the Community Fund Campaign.
- Seating will be determined on a point system.
- 50% of the seating will be chair-back.
- 1/5 of the seating will likely be earmarked for students.
- Big Ten mandates how many seats are allocated to the opposing team.
- Football staff/program will remain in the Bierman Complex.

Next, Professor Weinberg provided an overview of the NCAA Certification process that is underway. The Steering Committee is spearheaded by the President and the Provost and chaired by Gail Klatt, associate vice president, Internal Audits. Three subcommittees are collecting data and responding to questions regarding: academic integrity, gender and minority opportunities, and compliance and governance. The reports of each of the subcommittees will go to the Steering Committee. The “final” reports of the subcommittees should be completed by early spring. The process requires an extreme level of detail and it is an educational process, Professor Weinberg added. Not exactly certain what role the ACA or the FAOCIA will have, Professor Hartmann opined that the ACA would likely deal with areas relative to equity and minority opportunities and governance and compliance, while the FAOCIA would likely address the area of academic integrity.

Members expressed an interest in obtaining a membership roster of the Steering and subcommittees, to which Vickie Courtney responded that she would get that information for them.

Subcommittee Reports:

Professor Avery, chair of the ACA Equity Subcommittee, reported that the subcommittee has met twice this semester and one of those meetings was dedicated to the Gender Equity Report for NCAA Certification. She noted that there are several members serving on the NCAA Certification committees, including herself. The subcommittee will review the Minority Opportunities plan in March.

Professor Zuiker, chair of the ACA Finance & Planning Subcommittee, reported that the subcommittee met and that Liz Eull, associate athletics director, provided it with an outline of the budget and explained the budget cycle. The next meeting will be in May.

Vickie Courtney interjected that she is working with Scott Ellison, associate athletics director responsible for facilities, to plan a facilities tour in the spring. Members can expect an email in the near future about potential dates.

J.T. Bruett, director, Compliance, distributed the department's annual report. The report covers four key areas: education, policy and procedure development, monitoring and auditing and rules enforcement.

Hearing no questions about the annual report, Mr. Bruett moved on to remind members that the NCAA legislation they had voted on in December was acted on at the January NCAA meeting. He noted that there was an override on the piece of legislation regarding text messaging. Coaches will be able to text message only students who have signed a letter of intent. Mr. Bruett will report back to the committee in May after the Board of Directors have met and voted on legislation in April. Professor Weinberg added that there was some discussion about adding a 4th Division.

Mark Nelson, director, MAC, distributed the McNamara Academic Center Student-Athlete Newsletter and an article on GOPHERSPORTS.com about the 19th Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Ceremony held on February 4. Highlights from the Awards Ceremony include:

- 559 scholar-athletes were honored.
- 47 scholar-athletes earned a 4.0.
- Each of the 25 Gopher sports teams had multiple recipients.
- 331 scholar-athletes earned the Gold scholar-athlete, which means each recipient must maintain a cumulative CPA of 3.0 while participating in intercollegiate athletics.
- 226 scholar-athletes were awarded the Maroon scholar-athlete title, which means they must have earned a 3.0 GPA in either Spring 2007 or Fall 2007.
- The Top-Five male and female scholar-athletes were recognized. To be considered a Top-Five scholar-athlete, one must be an undergraduate who has been on their respective team for three consecutive years and earned one of the highest cumulative GPAs. The recipients for this year are: Mathew Nohelty (baseball), Seigin Takamura (track and field), Michael Frankberg (football), Jeffery Tow Arnett (football), Cole Young (swimming and diving) and for the women: Hailey McCarthy (soccer), Jade Beattie (gymnastics), Heather Dorniden (track and field), Erica Niemiec (rowing), and Jennifer Shaughnessy (swimming and diving).
- Two new awards were presented: The Richard “Pinky” McNamara Student-Athlete Achievement Award and the Tom H. Swain Campus Recognition Award. Brooke Robertson (track and field) and Jakari Wallace (football) received the Achievement Award and Craig Swan, who retired from his position as Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education, received the Campus Recognition Award.

Mr. Nelson reported that a search is underway for a Data Analyst, a position recommended by the Task Force. This summer will mark the second year for the Summer Bridge Program, which went well for its first year. He said they are going to

continue to work to improve the program. Welcome Week 2008 is expected to draw approximately 5,400 freshmen. He noted that it does not replace freshmen orientation.

Other business: Professor Avery brought before the committee for consideration a recommendation by the Governance and Compliance Subcommittee of the NCAA Certification Steering Committee, to consider reviewing the athletics committees charges, specifically, the section on the annual meetings between the President and voting members of the committees. Professor Hartmann suggested this be discussed at the next meeting when there was more time.

Hearing no further business, Professor Hartmann adjourned the meeting.

Vickie Courtney

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