

ACA

April 5, 2007

Minutes of the Meeting

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PRESENT: Melissa Avery (chair), Suzannah Mork, Perry Leo, Linda Mona, Jerry Noyce, J.T. Bruett, Mark Nelson, Laurie McLaughlin, Rich Weinberg, Katie Meyer, Jonathan Loveall, Maria Sera, Linda Brady

ABSENT: Douglas Olson

REGRETS: Doug Hartmann

OTHERS PRESENT: Lynn Holleran (President's Office), Jay Wiener (Star Tribune)

GUESTS: Coach Tim Brewster, Randy Taylor (Football)

Professor Melissa Avery called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and ask that each person introduce him or herself. Committee members spent some time individually greeting Coach Brewster and Taylor. The committee extended a warm welcome to them.

Next, Coach Brewster spend time talking to the committee about his hopes and aspiration for the Gopher Football Team. He emphasized the importance of their education and earning their degrees. He wants each student-athlete to “cherish” their time at the University and to have great feelings about it after they leave. He hopes to win a Big Ten title and a championship. With respect to evaluating incoming student-athletes, he would like to see every student-athlete tested for learning disabilities. He talked about his commitment to the student-athletes and the University. He voiced kudos to the committee for its work and dedication to the student-athlete. He talked about Bob Bruininks as being one of the greatest presidents and Joel Maturi as one of the greatest athletics directors.

He went on to describe the pace at which he has been recruiting, generating new enthusiasm on campus and at the Metrodome. He is starting what will be called the “Gopher Victory Walk” through the Plaza. He has met with Dean Darlyne Bailey, College of Education and Human Development. When asked about class attendance, he responded that “the football team is a band of brothers, if one screws up the whole team pays.” He said he is not asking, he is demanding that they practice winning in every respect.

Members of the committee gave him a round of applause and wished him good luck in the upcoming season.

Professor Avery reported on:

- The Coach/Faculty luncheon scheduled on April 18. A panel discussion about breaking barriers will be the topic of the program.
- Members were reminded about the MAC academic banquet, which honors student-athletes for their academic success. Fifty-six athletes were recognized with having 4.0's.
- Professors Mary Jo Kane and Perry Leo received awards at the banquet for their outstanding work on the Task Force.

Professor Maria Sera, chair of the ACA F&P Subcommittee and the Equity Subcommittee reported that:

- The F&P Subcommittee is looking at the athletics department budget
- The Equity Subcommittee is looking at what needs to be addressed for the NCAA Self Study Report

Student-athlete members, Katie Meyer and Luke Silovich, reported on the formal gala event sponsored by SAAC (Student-athlete Advisory Committee), that will be held on April 30th.

The University of Minnesota Athletics Department placed 7th in the Director's Cup.

Hearing no further business, Professor Avery adjourned the meeting.

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