

Campus Athletic Committee
September 26, 2024
1-2:30pm | SpHC 191
Approved 10/31/2024

Attendees: Ella Swarbrick, Jodi Nelson, Donna Goeden, Nakila Fernandez, Forrest Karr, Madeline Harms, James Sellers, Katherine Schofield, Krista Twu, Rodger Brannan, Abbey Strong
Excused: Dr. G. Lemonedes, Kristi Schmidt, Elizabeth Gonnerman

James Sellers called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and began with introductions.

Review the [Athletics Committee Charge and Expectations](#)
Providing advocacy for athletes and academics is the focus.

James Sellers and Krista Twu thanked Abbey Strong, Associate AD for Compliance, for her work on the Gender Equity Subcommittee. The information Abbey presents to this subcommittee is shared with respective constituents.

For Information and Discussion

Forrest Karr, Athletic Director, shared the draft PowerPoint he will present at the Board of Regents meeting in October 2024 along with the Crookston and Morris Athletic Directors.

Faculty Athletic Representative – Katie Schofield, Faculty SCSE

Katie began this role in July 2024 and has since met with the UMD new coaches and the WCHA Commissioner Michelle McAteer. She has met with the teams and discussed excused absences and how to work with faculty about those absences. Katie shared the faculty cannot request verification from the students when they are sick.

For Discussion and Action

- Academic Policies for Review (Priorities by October 19th). Comments can be shared online in the academic policy webpage.
[Withholding Diplomas and Official Transcripts from Students Holds on Records & Registration](#)

Information Sharing

Women's hockey is the first women's sport outside of the conferences to participate in the Women's Friendship Series (Boston/Ireland partnership; sister city Belfast) on News Years weekend January 2 and 3, 2026 at the only ice arena in Ireland.

Special Topics

- Academic Advising update
Dr. G couldn't attend to provide an update due to student meetings. She meets with students who are at academic risk (2.5 and under grade point average). The freshmen have consistent check-ins with Dr. G Lemonedes.

Donna Goeden, Financial Aid, provided an update that the fall semester funds are now dispersed. The calculations and the process for sending corrections continues to be unworkable so workarounds are necessary. Training is required to access the federal tax information data. The information cannot be discussed with the student and family. Financial aid for the academic year 2025-2026 is delayed again until December 1. There are no changes to the 2025-2026 FAFSA.

The NorthStar Promise Program was implemented in Minnesota and is available to students if the adjusted gross family income is less than \$80k.

There are emergency grants available across campus. *Emergency* grant dollars are no longer considered *other* financial assistance. They are tied to cost of attendance, and it is a requirement to document that the grant was unexpected. The form is located on the One Stop website.

The UMD University for Seniors Momentum Grant is a referral process whereby faculty and staff submit the form for these grant funds based on their understanding of a students' need.

Cheryl Skafte, Civic Engagement, is working with the University's work-study partners. The Department of Education requires 7% to be spent on community service projects. Students who have work study but want to work in community service-based organizations should contact Cheryl at cskafte@d.umn.edu.

New Business

Athletics Committee chair and vice chair leadership roles. A motion was made by Rodger Brannon that James Sellers serve as chair; the motion was seconded by Krista Twu and met with unanimous approval. A motion was made by Krista Twu that Rodger Brannon serve as vice chair for the 2024-25 academic year; the motion was seconded by James Sellers and met with unanimous approval.

Old Business

- [Sports Liaison Assignments](#) The opportunity to serve as a sports liaison was discussed and while it is not a requirement of serving as a committee member, it can be an opportunity to support student athletes.

Adjourn 2:30pm
Wendy J Larrivy