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Minutes of the WSU Athletics Council Meeting
September 28, 2007

Attendees: Abdul Ahmad, Pam Berry-Griffis, Judy Chivers, Mo Cooper, Mike Cusack, Bob Grant, Steve Fortson, Liz Harden, Krystal Karshner, Mary Kenton, Dan Krane, Karen Lahm, Matt Lawless, Lisa Lemmon, Matt Liddy, Leone Low, Mill Miller, Sonny Osborne, Julie Owen, Curt Pederson, Dave Reynolds, Mike Sincoff, Beth Sorensen, Donna Tromski-Klingshirn, Martyn Whittingham

- I. Call to Order Mike Sincoff, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Welcomed and introduced all members which were present
- II. Approval of Minutes Minutes for the May 25, 2007 meeting of the Athletics Council were approved unanimously.
- III. Announcements
 - Group Photograph to be taken at approximately 9:30
 - Reviewed 2007-08 Meeting schedule. Next meeting is one week earlier, on October 19, due to unavailability of the Atlantis Room on October 26.
 - Abdul Ahmad announced that on Friday, October 5 from 4:00p-9:00 p is the Athletic Council-Alumni Association Athletics Reunion in the Beer Garden, followed by women's soccer at 5:00p and men's soccer at 7:30p. All are welcome.
- IV. Overview of Committees/Sign-up
 - Each committee was discussed by its chair as to what each is responsible for.
 - A sign up-sheet was passed around for members to sign up for the different committees.
- V. Athletics Council Transition Plan and Roster
 - Will change ECS to CECS (per David Reynolds)
 - Any additional changes need to be passed on to Lisa Lemmon (lisa.lemmon@wright.edu)
- VI. FAR Report
 - Beth Sorensen will attend the Horizon League Executive Meetings October 1-3, 2007
 - Beth Sorensen will be going to Washington, DC on October 15 to attend conference on the Knight Commission
 - Beth has put together a Pregnancy Policy Toolkit which many schools will use as guidelines and will present it in January to the NCAA.
- VII. Athletics Department Strategic Plan
 - Mike Cusack distributed the Strategic Plan that was put together last year for athletics and spoke about each of the goals and how actions are being taken.
 - Mike will provide the council with the updated Athletics Organizational Chart as the staff has been rearranged with different reporting lines.

- Steve Fortson would like more information on the Diversity Plan.
- Sonny Osborne commented on Sportsmanship, especially in Soccer where there have been numerous incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct. It was noted that Wright State has had no Red Cards and the fewest number of Yellow Cards in the league.

VIII. Fifth-Year Grant Guidelines – The need for a clarification regarding eligibility of athletes who turn professional, then return to WSU requesting a Fifth-Year Grant was discussed. The request for clarification was turned over to the Academic Affairs Committee.

IX. Pre-Basketball Publicity Series

- Dan Krane brought up the concept of having a lecture series to be held in conjunction with the basketball games.
- This is a possible opportunity for basketball fans to learn more about Wright State and also people who might be interested in the Series to be exposed to Basketball
- A similar program is being used at Penn State.
- David Reynolds and Dan Krane will put together a committee and discuss its feasibility.
- This would not be a “Pep Rally” because that needs to be completely separate.

X. Other Business

- Review of Homecoming Events
- All-Sport Passes were handed out

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 and pictures of Council were taken for Media Guides.