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Athletics Council Meeting
October 30, 2009
Minutes

Attendance:

Nick Camilleri, Judy Chivers, Duane Cooper, Mo Cooper, Mike DiFlora, Steve Fortson, Bob Grant, Paul Hershberger, Jeff John, Mary Kenton, Dan Krane, Karen Lahm, Larry Mrozek, Tony Ortiz, Amber Peplow, Rod Perry, Mike Raymer, Suzanne Semones, Mike Sincoff, Beth Sorensen, David Toller.

1. Meeting called to order at 8:00am by AC Chair, Dan Krane.
2. Minutes from the September 25, 2009 and May 29, 2009 meetings of the Athletics Council were approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. Guest Speakers: WSU Women's Basketball Coach, Bridgett Williams, and WSU Men's Basketball Coach, Brad Brownell
 - a. Coach Williams stated that this season's schedule includes Vanderbilt, Cincinnati, Ohio State, and Dayton. The home opener is on November 19. Bridgett liked Dan Krane's idea about coaches stopping by classes to boost attendance. Bridgett brought along two players, Paige Lowe and Tamyra Davis.
 - b. Coach Brownell thanked all AC members who attended Halloween Hoops. Coach Brownell said he would like to see more faculty actively promoting athletic department events. He also mentioned that the upcoming schedule includes three ranked teams because he wanted to gain more exposure for the university and challenge the players at the same time. Coach Brownell brought along senior forward Ronnie Thomas. Ronnie thanked the faculty for being positive and offering office hours after the team has been away on a road trip. Coach Brownell did state that he would like to see academic progress reports for student-athletes from faculty both earlier each quarter and more consistently.
4. Committee reports
 - a. Steering Committee
 - i. Dan Krane reported there is no AC meeting in November and the next scheduled meeting is January 29th in the Student Union Apollo Room at 8:00am.
 - ii. AC Upcoming Events
 1. November 19th, Tour of the Mills-Setzer Pavilion and platinum floor seats for Athletic Council at Women's Basketball game vs. Eastern Kentucky at 7pm
 - iii. Next Steering Committee Meeting is on January 22, 2010 at 9 AM in the Athletics Department conference room.
 - b. Academic Affairs
 - i. Judy reviewed Academic Progress Rate reports. She also mentioned that the Student-Athlete Study Table has been moved to 215 Med/Sci.
 - c. Diverse Student-Athlete Advocacy Committee

- i. Reviewed 2008-2009 “year end report”
- ii. Discussed 2004-2009 Diversity Plan

d. Student Welfare

- i. Steve Fortson reported the subcommittee discussed exit interviews, athletes leaving before eligibility done, sports medicine issues, and drug testing policy.

e. Gender Equity

- i. Mary Kenton reported that the committee met twice and is concentrating on a new “5 year plan” for WSU Athletics. One needs to be completed before the end of the 2009 calendar year.

f. Pre-Game Lecture Series

- i. Dan Krane reported the tentative dates for the Lecture Series will be Jan. 30, Feb. 11, 13, and 17. The Berry Room will be the location and he encourages AC members to attend.

g. Promote Student Awareness

- i. Jeff John reported that the committee met with Corey Griest and discussed desired outcomes and strategies. One possibility is to increase signage around campus.

5. Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) report

- i. No report.

6. SAAC Report

- i. Nick Camilleri reported that the SAAC is currently collecting cans and monetary donations at the next two basketball games for FISH Food Drive. SAAC is also collecting money from each athletic team for the organization For the Love of Children.

7. Athletic Director’s Report

- i. Athletic Director Bob Grant mentioned that he is expecting the AC to have a bigger involvement at the Athletic Academic Recognition night in February. He reported that the Athletic Department is close to completing a deal with Nike.

8. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM for the taking of an Athletics Council group photograph

Upcoming Athletics Council Events:

Thursday, November 19, 2009: Tour of Pavillion (6 PM)/Womens’ basketball home opener.

Saturday, December 19, 2009: Reception in President’s Box/Men’s basketball game (6 PM).

9. Friday, January 29: Athletics Council meeting (8 AM; Atlantis Room, Student Union).