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Athletics Council Meeting
January 29, 2010
Minutes

Attendance: Steve Fortson, Karen Lahm, Beth Sorensen, Dan Krane, Roger Wilson, Chris Grant, Mike DiFlora, Judy Chivers, Rod Perry, Jeff John, David Toller, Tony Ortiz, Mo Cooper, Bob Grant, Vivian Mitchell

1. Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by AC Chair, Dan Krane.
2. Approval of minutes from 10/30/09 meeting (moved, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote).
3. Guest Speaker: WSU Athletics Equipment Manager Roger Wilson
 - a. Roger Wilson was introduced as the new Athletics Equipment Manager. Roger mentioned that he worked for the Cincinnati Reds organization for 15 years and then he spent an additional 18 years with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Roger said that he is looking forward to consolidating the equipment room area and making it more efficient, while saving money. Roger stated that his duties will include athletics facilities management, repairing equipment, and laundry.
4. Committee reports
 - a. Steering Committee
 - i. Dan Krane that the committee met last Friday to work on meeting agenda. He also reported that pre-game lecture series has been canceled for this basketball season. The next steering committee meeting will take place on Friday, February 19 at 8:45 am in the Athletics Department conference room.
 - b. Academic Affairs
 - i. Karen Lahm reported that the committee will meet next month and will have an update at the next AC meeting on February 26.
 - c. Constitution and Bylaws
 - i. No updates.
 - d. Diverse Student-Athlete Advocacy
 - i. Steve Fortson reported the subcommittee will have a meeting in February and a report will follow.
 - e. Gender Equity
 - i. Mo Cooper mentioned that the committee has met several times throughout the fall quarter to establish the new 5 year plan. She also stated that the new 5 year plan will address issues not realized in previous plan.
 - f. Student Welfare

- i. Steve Fortson reported that the Student-Athlete Exit Surveys have been sent out.
 - g. Promote Student Attendance
 - i. Jeff John acknowledged Vivian Mitchell, Amber Peplow, and Corey Griest for their hard work in creating the Blackboards to Backboards program. This program will consist of a ballot box being placed at all home basketball games on the Raider Pack Table. Students will be allowed to vote for faculty and staff that encouraged them to come to men's and women's basketball games and a running tally will be kept. Participating faculty will compete for Raider gear prizes and a night in the president's box at the Nutter Center.
- 5.
- a. Faculty Athletic Reps
 - i. Beth Sorensen gave a report on the Knight Commission. Beth stated that the Knight Commission is a result of a survey completed by BCS AD's on whether or not collegiate athletics are fiscally sustainable and how long will they be fiscally sustainable. A copy of the Knight Commission report will be sent electronically to all members of the Athletics Council.
- 6.
- a. SAAC Report
 - i. No updates
- 7.
- a. Athletic Director Report
 - i. Bob Grant reported that the Athletics Department budget is in line with other schools within the Horizon League. However, fundraising has been needed to fill a void in some areas. AD Grant stated that the Athletic Department recently finalized a cellular phone contract that will save the department \$35,000 per year. AD Grant mentioned that the Board of Trustees has approved a Master Facilities Plan which provides a turf surface for Alumni Field and lights at the Softball Stadium. This will also provide utilities to that area of campus for the first time. AD Grant also reported that the Men's Basketball team visited a homeless shelter in Dayton and provided a basketball clinic to its residents. Lastly, AD Grant announced 180 student-athletes will be honored on February 13 for Academic Recognition night.
8. Update on New Five Year Plan
- a. Mo Cooper reported that a new fundraising model will be established for women's athletics. She also mentioned that the document has been forwarded on to the President's office for approval. A copy of the new plan will be sent electronically to all members of the Athletics Council.
9. Winter Sports Update
- a. Rod Perry stated that Men's Basketball is currently 6-4 in the Horizon League and have a game on ESPN2 tomorrow night at 8p. Rod reported that Women's Basketball will play at home on Jan. 30 and February 4. Rod announced that the

Women's Indoor Track and Field team won its first ever meet title at Cedarville. Rod mentioned that Swimming & Diving have their last home meet on January 30.

10. Dan Krane announced the next AC meeting date is February 26, 2010 at 8 AM in the Atlantis Room of the Student Union.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 am.