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Athletics Council Meeting
February 25th, 2011
Minutes

Attendance: Marie Bashaw, Judy Chivers, Duane Cooper, Mo Cooper, Brian Cothorn, Dave Finnie, Steve Fortson, Bob Grant, Jeff John, Mary Kenton, Dan Krane, Karen Lahm, Larry Prochaska, Mike Raymer, Calvin Robinson Jr., Suzanne Semones, Mike Sincoff

1. Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Minutes from 1/25/11 approved.
3. Guest Speaker (Coach's Corner): Jackie Schetter
 - a. Jackie discussed her job duties with sales and promotions; she commented on how a new scoreboard in the fall of next year will help increase sales and promotions; she has doubled revenue for sponsorships to approximately \$330,000 over the past two years.
4. Athletic Director's Report
 - a. Bob Grant gave PowerPoint presentations on the Rinzler Project and presented athletic points of pride (talking points, such as gpa, scholarship dollars, exposure of WSU athletics, Horizon League athletic budgets and coaching salaries for men's basketball)
 - b. Bob Grant and Judy Chivers updated winter sports:
 - i. Men's basketball 18-12 (5th in HL)
 - ii. Women's basketball 17-9; play UIC this weekend
 - iii. Swimming and indoor track at championships this weekend
 - iv. Baseball is playing at the Citadel in South Carolina
 - v. Softball plays their first home game on 3/26/11
 - vi. Men's tennis are 6-2; women's tennis 5-3
 - vii. Men's golf at Myrtle Beach on 3/6-7
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Steering
 - i. AC Chair, Dan Krane discussed issues from the last steering meeting.
 - b. Academic Affairs
 - i. Mike Raymer discussed eligibility issues during the semester transition, a proposed change to the wording of 5th year scholarships, and meeting with CaTS director, Paul Hernandez, to try to get academic progress reports on line.
 - c. Constitution and Bylaws
 - i. No report from Jeff John.

- d. Diverse Student-Athlete Advocacy
 - i. Steve Fortson said they will be meeting soon (their previous meeting did not take place)
- e. Student Welfare
 - i. Steve Forston indicated that the committee met already. They had a presentation regarding exit surveys/interviews being conducted by an outside vendor.
- f. Gender Equity
 - i.. Karen Lahm reported that the committee met weekly in February. They are analyzing the EADA report. Current concerns are with the disparity in scholarship funding and recruitment dollars. Scholarship funding needs needs to be within the $\pm 1\%$ range by the 2012 NCAA certification.
- g. Blackboard to Backboard
 - i. Jeff John reported that the B2B challenge is done for men's games and one more women's game left. Grand prize winner was Dennis Hance in Engineering. Jeff also commented on the fact that many new names (20) were entered throughout the year. B2B will continue working on next year's events. Jeff will provide a final report at April's meeting.
- h. Pregame Lecture
 - i. Dan announced the pre-game lecture will be tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Berry Room. He will be speaking on DNA profiling.
- 6. FAR Report
 - a. Steve Fortson reported that he received a memo from the NCAA regarding the 2012 certification. The letter presented a timeline for the certification process.
- 7. FAR Compensation/Duties Summary
 - a. The report put together by Karen Lahm was circulated to the entire UAC via email. Motion accepted to approve the report and send to Dan Abrahamowicz.
- 8. SAAC Report
 - a. Brian Cothorn reported that the Teddy Bear Drive on 2/14/11 was successful. SAAC also received a \$1,000 grant to work with Fairborn Primary School on promoting college to K-3rd grade children.
- 9. New Business
 - a. Next UAC meeting is April 15th at 8 a.m. in the Atlantis Room
 - b. Next UAC *Steering meeting* is April 8th at 8:30 a.m. in the Nutter Center.
 - c. Bob Grant will be discussing the Athletics' budget at the next steering meeting.

10. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.