

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
ATHLETIC BOARD
2017-18 Annual Report**

Members:

Thomas Holbrook	FAC	Political Science
Neal Pease, Chair	FAC	History
Gwyn Wallander	AS	L&S Student Academic Services
Kevin Keenan	FAC	Kinesiology
Michael Wilson	FAC	English
Bo Zhang	FAC	Educational Psychology
Steven Brandl	FAC	Appointed by Chancellor (1 year)
Phyllis King	FAC	(Fac Athletic Rep)
Jim Cleary	Alum	Alumni Association Member
Paul McGinley	Alum	Alumni Association Rep
Amanda Braun	Dir	Athletics Director
Steve Mohar	Dir	Rec Sports & Facilities
Kelly Haag		Student Affairs
Alyssa Fischer		Student
Francesco Saporito		Student
Anna Smalley		Student
Caitlin Schultz		Student
Kathy Litzau*		Sr Assoc. Athl. Dir./SWA
Cathy Rossi*		Deputy A.D.-Finance
Clare Faurote*		Asst. Athl. Dir.-Acad. Services
Jessica Kumke*		Asst. Athl. Dir.-Compliance

* Athletic Department members attending but not members of the Board

Charter:

Functions/ Responsibilities:

A1.5 Athletic Board

- (1) Membership. Seventeen members as follows:
 - a) Five elected faculty members;
 - b) one faculty member appointed to a one-year term;
 - c) the Faculty Athletics Representative appointed by the Chancellor;
 - d) one member of the UWM Alumni Association, appointed by the Chancellor from a list of candidates submitted by the President of the UWM Alumni Association;
 - e) one elected member of the Academic Staff;

f) four students appointed by the Student Association, at least two who are/have been UWM student-athletes;

g) ex-officio (non-voting):

a. UWM Director of Athletics,

b. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs,

c. The President of the UWM Alumni Association and

d. The Director of Recreational Sports & Facilities, or their respective designees.

(2) Functions.

a) Develops and reviews university policies relative to intercollegiate athletics in conjunction with UWM faculty, administration, students, alumni, and controlling regulations, and oversees the implementation of such policies. Reviews the Athletic Department budget through the work of the Fiscal and Equity subcommittees, respectively.

b) Recommends to the Athletic Director assignments of personnel to head coaching and all other senior athletic administrative positions, consistent with University and State of Wisconsin Personnel practices.

The Athletic Board will constitute a minimum of 40% of the overall Athletic Director Search and Screen Committee.

c) Monitors policies and practices pertaining to equity and nondiscrimination within the Athletic Department pursuant to NCAA and UWM expectations.

d) Oversees Athletic Department systems for providing student-athletes with academic services and monitoring their academic progress. Rules upon questions of eligibility of students under institutional and conference regulations.

e) Provides oversight and advice to ensure adherence to NCAA and UWM policies concerning athletic scholarships and tuition remissions.

f) Recommends to the Chancellor candidates for the position of Faculty Athletics Representative.

g) Reviews the annual performance review of the Faculty Athletics Representative, as conducted by the Chair of the Athletic Board and the Athletic Director, and communicates the results of this review to the Faculty Athletics Representative and the Chancellor.

h) Maintains liaison with intercollegiate athletic organizations and conferences through the Faculty Athletics Representative.

i) Recommends to the faculty changes in policies that relate to intercollegiate athletics and that appear to be in keeping with the long-term development of the University.

(Document 1137, 3/15/79; UWM Administration approval, 3/20/79)
(Document 1441, 5/7/85; UWM Administration approval, 6/5/85)
(Document 1808, 4/23/92; UWM Administration approval, 4/28/92)
(Editorially revised, 4/26/02)
(Revised October 2007)
(Revised March 2012)
(Revised March 2017)

Meetings:

Fall Semester (2017)

September 6, 2017
October 4, 2017
November 1, 2017
December 6, 2017

Spring Semester (2018)

February 7, 2018
March 7, 2018
April 4, 2018
May 2, 2018

The steering committee of the Athletic Board consisted of Neal Pease (chair), Kevin Keenan (vice chair), Gwyn Wallander (secretary), Amanda Braun (Athletic Director, ex-officio), Phyllis King (FAR), and Caitlin Schultz (student)

There are three working sub-committees: Academic Integrity; Equity, Personnel, Fiscal; and By-laws, Governance/Compliance, Student Athletic Appeals. Each sub-committee has members of the Athletics department staff who provide and summarize the detailed information reviewed by the committee.

In addition, the Faculty Athletic Representative (Dr. Phyllis King) has a central role in UWM athletics. In this role, Professor King:

- Serves as the representative of the Board, the Chancellor, and the UWM Faculty to the Horizon League and intercollegiate athletic associations and activities,
- Works with the Director of Athletics and the Board in monitoring policies and procedures and the student-athlete experience.
- Is the connection between the athlete and the athlete's faculty when academic issues arise.

(University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Faculty Document No. 3060, September 15, 2016)

Major Athletic Board actions during the 2017-2018 academic year

Presented a proposal for a revised student-athlete missed-class policy to Faculty Senate, approved at Senate meeting of April 19, 2018.

Athletic highlights during 2017-2018

The Women's Soccer team won the Horizon League regular season championship for a third consecutive season, finishing as the only undefeated squad in NCAA Division 1. Coach Troy Fabiano was named HL Coach of the Year, also for the third straight season.

The following UWM student-athletes won Horizon League first team all-conference honors in 2017-2018: Ben Chally, Austin Schulfer (Baseball); Nick Moon, Sean Reynolds (Men's Soccer); Cassidy Blanshard, Aubrey Krahn, Lourdes Onwuemeka, Anna Smalley, Kelli Swenson (Women's Soccer); Bridget Wallenberger (Women's Volleyball).

Academic and community service highlights during 2016-2017

UWM student athletes compiled a collective grade point average of 3.32 in Fall semester 2017, and 3.37 in Spring 2018. This marked the 35th and 36th consecutive semesters that Milwaukee student-athletes have recorded a GPA of 3.0 or better.

114 UWM student-athletes were named to the Horizon League academic honor roll for Fall 2017, third most of any HL school.

113 UWM student-athletes were named to the Horizon League academic honor roll for Spring 2018, second most of any HL school.

UWM student-athletes, spirit groups, and staff participated in 2341.5 hours of community service in 2017-2018.

Outstanding individual achievements

Among the honorees at the annual Golden Panther awards ceremony, held May 10, 2018:

- Student-athletes of the year: Nick Moon (Men's Soccer), Kelli Swenson (Women's Soccer)
- Senior student-athletes of the year: Kyle Becker (Men's Track and Field), Leah Holmes (Women's Track and Field/Cross Country)
- James Wright Award, given to a student-athlete who has overcome adversity, while exemplifying the spirit and integrity of athletic success and academic achievement: Alisha Harper (Women's Track and Field)
- Highest Panther GPA: Kyle Becker (Men's Track and Field), Matt Brooks (Men's Track and Field), Kelli Swenson (Women's Soccer), Gaby Schwartz (Women's Soccer)

Todd Hill (Swimming and Diving), Kathy Litzau (Volleyball coach, 1993-2006), Katie Slamka (Track and Field), and Kyle Zenoni (Soccer) were inducted into the UWM Athletic Hall of Fame in December 2017.

Jessica Kumke, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance and Enrollment Services, was named recipient of the 2018 Marquette University Law School Charles W. Mentkowski Sports Law Alumna of the Year, April 2018.

Facilities updates

Progress continued on a new ballpark in Franklin, to replace Aaron Field. The UWM baseball team will begin play at the new facility in Spring 2019.

Head coaching transitions

In July 2018, Pete Corfeld announced his retirement as head coach of Track and Field/Cross Country. In his 29 years at UWM, Coach Corfeld's squads won 51 conference championships, and he was named league coach of the year 51 times.

Respectfully submitted by Neal Pease, Athletic Board chair
August 6, 2018