

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
ATHLETIC BOARD
2018-19 Annual Report**

Members:

Name	Rank	Department
Kevin Keenan, Chair	FAC	Kinesiology
Al Ghorbanpoor	FAC	Civil & Environmental Engr
Bo Zhang	FAC	Educational Psychology
Jim Cleary	-	Alumni Association Member
Thomas Holbrook	FAC	Political Science
Neal Pease	FAC	(Fac Athletics Rep) History
Gwyn Wallander	AS	L&S Student Academic Services
Steven Brandl	FAC	Criminal Justice (Chancellor's appt)
Amanda Braun	Dir	Athletics
Kelly Haag	AS	Student Affairs
Paul McGinley	--	Alumni Association President
Steve Mohar	Dir	Rec Sports & Facilities
Alyssa Fischer		Student
Francesco Saporito		Student
Allison Grzebien		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: five elected faculty members; one faculty member appointed by the Chancellor to a one-year term; the Faculty Athletic Representative appointed by the Chancellor for a term not to exceed five years; 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; one elected member of the Academic Staff; four students appointed by the Student Association; and, ex-officio: UWM Director of Athletics or designee, UWM Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or designee, President of the UWM Alumni Association or designee, Director of Recreational Sports & Facilities or designee.

(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)

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(Editorially revised, 06/13/08)

(Document 2848R1, 03/16/17; UWM Administration approval, 03/22/17)

Meetings:

Fall Semester (2018)

September 5, 2018
October 3, 2018
November 7, 2018
December 5, 2018

Spring Semester (2019)

February 6, 2019
March 6, 2019
April 3, 2019
May 1, 2019

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

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. Neal Pease) has a central role in UWM athletics. In this role, Professor Pease:

- 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)

Athletic highlights during 2017-2018

Women's Cross Country were Horizon League Champions and Men's Cross Country finished 2nd.

Women's Soccer won the Horizon League Championship and headed to Santa Clara for NCAA First Round action on 11/10/2018.

Academic and community service highlights during 2018-2019

UWM student athletes compiled a collective grade point average above 3.0 for the 37th consecutive semester, and the 8th semester of 3.2 GPA or higher.

The NCAA is introducing something called Academic Based Revenue Distribution. This is a new policy starting with the 2019-20 academic year. A portion of Division I revenue will be distributed to member schools based on the academic achievement of student-athletes, rewarding schools with higher student-athlete graduation rates and academic success to qualify for more funds. Three metrics are used, and each institution

needs to satisfy one metric to be eligible to receive funds. UWM statistics are provided below in parenthesis to indicate numbers from 2016-2018 in order to show year over year improvements:

- i. Academic Progress Rate (linked to eligibility and retention) > 985. (974 - 995)
- ii. Federal Graduation Rate - 13% over student body. (48% - 70%)
- iii. Graduation Success Rate \geq 90%. (69% - 92%)

UWM is one of just a handful of institutions across the nation that currently satisfy all 3 metrics, indicating that satisfying at least one metric should be relatively easy in the future.

General compliance with Title IX requirements:

- a. UWM 2018 data
Undergraduates by Gender:
Male Undergraduates: 8,046 47.8%
Female Undergraduates: 8,790 52.2%
- b. Athletics
Male Student-Athletes: 211, 49.6%
Female Student-Athlete: 214, 50.4%

UWM student-athletes, spirit groups, and staff participated in 1958.5 hours of community service in 2018-2019.

'United We Roar' branding campaign recognized as an award winner through our industry association (NACMA) in the category of 'Multi-Platform Brand Campaign.'

Special Olympics tailgate for May 11 before baseball game @ Miller Park. ~50 UWM Student-Athletes were paired with ~50 Special Olympians teaming together to participate in different activities, such as: bag toss, spike ball, washer toss, can jam, ring toss, skee ball, soccer shootout, and ladder golf.

Outstanding individual achievements

Among the honorees at the annual Golden Panther awards ceremony, held May 9, 2019:

- Student-athletes of the year: Peter Andrew (Men's Track and Field), Kelli Swenson (Women's Soccer)
- Senior student-athletes of the year: Peter Andrew (Men's Track and Field), Kelli Swenson (Women's Soccer)
- James Wright Award, given to a student-athlete who has overcome adversity, while exemplifying the spirit and integrity of athletic success and academic achievement: Ryaen Johnson (Women's Basketball)

Ron Bruce (Football), Jak Kraus (Baseball), Shelby Spaciel (Schaal) (Track and Field), and Pete Corfeld (track & field/cross country coach) were inducted into the UWM Athletic Hall of Fame in December 2018.

Peter Andrew of the Milwaukee track & field team has been named a member of the 2019 Google Cloud Academic All-American Division I Team for track and field. Andrew is now the third Panther student-athlete recognized by CoSIDA with a National Academic All-American honor this year, joining Kelli Swenson (women's soccer) and Trevor Schwecke (baseball).

Facilities updates

Capital planning budget for a new basketball practice facility was approved by the State.

Progress continued on a new baseball stadium in Franklin, to replace Aaron Field. The UWM baseball team will begin play at the new facility in Spring 2020.

Head coaching and key personnel transitions

In July 2018, Pete Corfeld announced his retirement as head coach of Track and Field/Cross Country. Andrew Basler was hired to replace him in the fall.

Aaron Haselhorst was hired as Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Keenan, Athletic Board chair
August 14, 2019