



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, Oct 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Attendees: Kevin Keenan, Kathy Litzau, Jessica Kumke, Steven Mohar, Al Ghorbanpoor, Jim Cleary, Amanda Braun, Neal Pease, Paul McGinley, Thomas Holbrook, Adam Schemm, Steve Brandl, Alyssa Fischer, Frankie Saporito, Clare Faurote, Kevin Keenan, Bo Zhang

- I. Call to order by Chair, Neal Pease at 8:04 AM
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of September minutes – unanimously approved
- IV. Updates from the Athletic Department:
  - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
    - i. Roc Ventures in the news with baseball facility, always mention our baseball program. We will continue to talk with them about design and corporate sponsorship opportunities
    - ii. Fall sports are doing great. Horizon League Cross Country Championship coming up on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. Klotsche Annex still in the process. We are having success with our fund raising. A six-figure gift last week, other donors have increased their donations. Working on naming rights.
    - iv. Horizon League meetings are next week. The Men's and Women's Basketball tournament has been at Little Caesars Arena, had some issues this coming season with the dates. Will only play semi-finals and finals there. Quarterfinals will be on campus. This is the last year at that facility. An ad hoc committee will review different options for the tournament moving forward.
    - v. Last few days have been at the NCAA meetings.
      1. Discussed summer basketball events. Possibility of co-hosting an event with Marquette
      2. Transfer working group – different aspects putting forward for approval.
        1. MBB Grad transfers – require 2 years of scholarship money. WBB is considering it.
  - b. Athletics Report (written) discussion - none
- V. Guest: Andrew Basler, New Head Coach Men's & Women's Track & Field/Cross Country
  - a. Originally a native of WI, went to UW-LaCrosse. Has experience from Central Michigan, and UC-Riverside. Currently meeting one on one with all the student-athletes. Is learning about their challenges and positive changes he can make. 22 PR's at the cross country meet this weekend. Wish list would be increasing full-time staff, currently have 2 full-time and 3 part-time staff members. Majority of the team is from Wisconsin. What top two factors brought you to Milwaukee is a question asked of all, and rising to the top is the ability to be close to home. Top HL schools in cross country are Oakland and IUPUI, in Track YSU and Oakland.

- VI. Updates from student-athletes
  - a. SAAC
    - i. Milwaukee Athletics SAAC – Alyssa Fischer
      - 1. SAAC meeting Monday
        - 1. Guest Speaker – Kelly Braun, Nutrition and UWM Pantry. SAAC volunteer committee will assist with the Pantry.
        - 2. Buddy Teams – 2<sup>nd</sup> year doing it to have inter team connections, have had lots of great student-athlete interaction this fall. WBB and MSOC are doing a pumpkin carving, other teams are doing dinners.
        - 3. This week Diversity and Inclusion on social media – follow @uwm\_saac on twitter
        - 4. Stop and Text – leaders of each SAAC rep will take a picture of the screen to send out to teams to assist with communication and updates.
        - 5. SAAC Executive Board will go to Ed Psych classes to explain what SAAC is.
    - ii. Horizon League SAAC – Francesco Saporito
      - 1. One Love, Special Olympics, Mental Health – goals
      - 2. HL SAAC also had issues with communications to all student-athletes and have been discussing.
      - 3. Upcoming meeting will see what other schools have done with Diversity and Inclusion week.
      - 4. Men’s Soccer plays Wisconsin tonight, if victorious we will be the best team in the state having already beaten Marquette and Green Bay.
  - b. Hot Topics
- VII. New Business - none
- VIII. Meeting ended at 8:50 AM