



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2018**

Attendees: Paul McGinley, Steven Mohar, Adam Schemm, Neal Pease, Al Ghorpanpoor, Jessica Kumke, Kathy Litzau, Allison Grzebien, Cathy Rossi, Kevin Keenan, Steve Brandl, Clare Faurote, Gwyn Wallander, Bo Zhang

- I. Call to order by new Chair, Kevin Keenan at 8:02 am
  - a. Kevin Keenan appointed as new chair by the Chancellor
  - b. Neal Pease will soon be appointed as Faculty Athletic Representative
  - c. Introduction of new student Allison Grzebien, Biomedical Engineering major, Volleyball player. Transferred here from Memphis. Likes the big city and pace of life and culture here.
- II. Approval of October minutes – moved and unanimously approved
- III. Updates from the Athletic Department:
  - a. Talking Points – Kathy Litzau (Athletic Director Amanda Braun is traveling with MBB)
    - i. Reviewed all Fall sports
      1. Women’s Cross Country are Horizon League Champions and Men’s Cross Country finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.
      2. WSOC headed to Santa Clara for NCAA First Round action on 11/10 at 3 PM CST.
      3. MSOC were the 6<sup>th</sup> seed in the HL Tournament, upset #3 Oakland on Monday. Play #1 Wright State on Thursday 11/8 at 3 PM CST.
      4. VB has one weekend of regular season left and has clinched a spot in the HL Tournament which will be held 11/16-18.
    - ii. MBB and WBB kick off their seasons this week.
    - iii. Tennis is holding a Pro-Am fund raiser:  
[https://mkepanthers.com/documents/2018/10/30//Panthers\\_Pro\\_Am\\_NO\\_BLEEDS\\_1819.pdf?id=8399](https://mkepanthers.com/documents/2018/10/30//Panthers_Pro_Am_NO_BLEEDS_1819.pdf?id=8399)
  - b. Athletics Report (written) discussion
    - i. Discussion regarding the Career Mentoring and International Student-Athlete event.
- IV. Updates from student-athletes
  - a. SAAC
    - i. Milwaukee Athletics SAAC – Allison reported
      1. Voted on site of HL Championships for team sports other than MBB & WBB
        1. Regular season champs host – majority picked (vs. predetermined/bid site)
        2. Dr. Meyer from Sports Psych presented on resources they provide.
        3. Movie and Game night the Monday before Thanksgiving – distress night.
  - b. Hot Topics – None

- V. Guest: Jake Reilly, Assistant Coach Men's & Women's Track & Field/Cross Country Head
  - a. Introduction of Emily Sass and Terry McMillan
  - b. Top 7 go to Regionals, but not necessarily the top 7 from conference.
  - c. Women won HL and the men were second. End goal is to always win a championship. Building a program takes time. Jake is a former MKE runner and has coached the men for the past 4 seasons, this is his first year coaching the women. Alums were very supportive. The improvement to the women's team was attributed to Jake being more structured, and the women needed a change. Application and personality were different with Jake taking over. Training started in July. Jake reads the athletes to know what they respond well to. Jake made sure they knew the why in their training.
  - d. Terry shared that Coach Pete was the only coach that said he could run and be an architecture major. Currently have 4 architecture S-A's in cross country.
  - e. Emily is a business major, picked MKE due to urban environment with internship opportunities.
  - f. HL Conference is a strong Cross Country league – YSU and IUPUI are all ranked regionally
  - g. Home course: Parkside, we race there at least once a year. Our team is basically all from WI, majority of our athletes are very familiar with this course.
  - h. Running after collegiate career – Terry will run maybe independently with a club. Emily same, but more as a hobby.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Tickets for men's and women's basketball – email Adam Schemm, [schemm@uwm.edu](mailto:schemm@uwm.edu), before each game.
  - b. Transition of Neal to FAR, officially not appointed yet. He will meet with Phyllis to assist with transition of duties.
  - c. We will not host the NCAA summer basketball camp (that was discussed at the October Meeting)
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM