



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-9:45 AM  
UWM ATHLETICS- PAVILION 148**

- I. Call to order by Kevin Keenan (Asked to call meeting by Sec of the University) 8:02 AM Called to order  
Attendance: Kevin Keenan, Amanda Braun, Liam Callanan, Jim Cleary, Steven Mohar, Al Ghorbanpoor, AkkeNeel Talsma, David Allen, Cathy Rossi, Kathy Litzau, Neal Pease, Tyler Behrendt, Allison Gzebien, Dana Northrup, Alyssa Fischer, Jessica Kumke, Trevor Coenen
- II. Introductions
- III. Welcome from Amanda Braun, Director of Athletics
  - a. Our focus is on student-athletes to help them achieve success and help our university achieve their goals. 38 consecutive semesters above a 3.0, and 8 semesters above a 3.2. Have won about 40 championships in our league. Lots of work is done in the community a year, about 3,000 volunteer hours. Updates: Klotsche Annex was approved, a 6 year process; \$2.1 million from OHOW for naming rights to the Annex; Jessica Kumke selected to NCAA Committee on Academics for 4 years; Amanda is also on the NCAA Competition Oversight Committee; Fall sports off to a 12-4 start
- IV. Approval of May minutes - approved
- V. Purpose of Athletic Board – Kevin Keenan
  - a. Review the By-laws & Charter for the detail. Assist in providing a great experience for the student-athletes. Oversight for athletics, collegially on issues. Protection of the university and the student-athletes. Operationally meet every first Wed., three committees within the board that will each meet once a semester – Board meets at 8 AM, committee at 9 AM. Would be involved in A.D. and head coach searches. Dependent on athletics staff for information, the board then reviews and discusses.
- VI. Election of the 2019-20 Chair, Vice-Chair, & Secretary, refer to By-laws for explanation of duties
  - a. Chair: Moved by AkeeNeel, second by Liam for Kevin Keenan – motion carries
  - b. Vice-chair: to be determined at October meeting
  - c. Secretary: to be determined at October meeting
- VII. Orientation – Chair or representatives from last year’s committees, with assistance from athletics liaison, reviewed committee work
  - a. Steering Committee – Kevin Keenan/Amanda Braun
    - i. Hasn’t met in the last year, would meet to discuss personnel or student-athlete issues, and conference confidential information – as a few examples.
  - b. Academic Integrity – Neal Pease/Clare Faurote
    - i. Make sure athletics are doing things the right way. Review team GPA’s, admissions data.
  - c. By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals – Neal Pease/Jessica Kumke
    - i. Review the By-laws (lots of work done a few years ago), review NCAA violations (average 4-6 a year that are low level), proposed NCAA legislation, Horizon League

- governance structure, student-athlete appeals due to one-time transfer rule or discipline but not financial aid appeals (which go through campus financial aid)
- d. Fiscal, Equity, Long Term Development – Kevin Keenan/Cathy Rossi
    - i. Review the EADA report, a federal requirement; NCAA financial report; equity and personnel review; annual Title IX requirements we talk about every year
- VIII. New Business
- a. Board members on committees, all are instructed to review the draft document. It was noted that the order of meetings has changed to Bylaws, Governance & Compliance, Student Appeals meeting in October.
  - b. Updates from Athletic Department
    - i. Amanda Braun – Athletic Director
      - 1. National news: Name, image and likeness in CA, effective 2023;
      - 2. Purdue-Fort Wayne is a new member making 11 in our League; trend nationally is to have 20 games for basketball
      - 3. Baseball playing at the new stadium in Franklin with 2 fall games
    - ii. Alyssa Fischer – UWM SAAC President
      - 1. Fall welcome last Monday – student-athlete tailgate where athletes competed against each other, everyone loved it
      - 2. Mental health – 3 workshops this fall
      - 3. MACC Fund initiative, currently working on
    - iii. Trevor Coenen - Horizon League SAAC President
      - 1. Mental Health symposium next June
      - 2. End of competition season survey – goal of over 50% response (last year was 48%)
  - c. Other new business
    - i. Fall sports – This year we will have an Athletic Board Pass List available at the ticket window/booth at volleyball and soccer. To claim your tickets, please let the ticketing staff at the event know that you are a member of the Athletic Board and that your name is on the Athletic Board Pass list. You are able to claim up to six complimentary tickets per game.
    - ii. Basketball & Baseball - We will again be utilizing the online request form. We will send that out closer to the season. Any questions, contact Julius Martinez at [martinej@uwm.edu](mailto:martinej@uwm.edu).
    - iii. Full calendar of events: <https://mkepanthers.com/calendar.aspx>
- IX. Closing announcements – meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM

FUTURE MEETINGS – First Wednesday of every month (except January, ending in May) 8 am-9:45 am

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals
- November 6<sup>th</sup> - Academic Integrity
- December 4<sup>th</sup> - Fiscal, Equity, Personnel
- February 5<sup>th</sup> - By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals
- March 4<sup>th</sup> - Academic Integrity
- April 1<sup>st</sup> - Fiscal, Equity, Personnel
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - TBD