



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, February 5th, 8:00-9:45 AM**

Attendees: Neal Pease, Kevin Hartmann, Jessica Kumke, Dana Northrup, Trevor Koenen, Allison Grzebien, Alyssa Fischer, Clare Faurote, Kevin Keenan, Amanda Braun, Cathy Rossi, Al Ghorbanpoor, AkkeeNeel Talsma, Kathy Litzau, Liam Callanan, Adam Schemm, David Allen, Jim Cleary

- I. Call to order by Chair, Kevin Keenan at 8:01 AM
- II. Approval of December minutes – unanimously approved
- III. Updates from the Athletic Department:
  - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
    - i. Commend our student-athletes that continue to have such great success in the classroom.
    - ii. Facility update – architect has been selected, kickoff of design phase will occur in the next few months.
    - iii. Baseball – May 9<sup>th</sup> Black and Gold scholarship fund raising event at Milkmen Stadium.
    - iv. Winter sports – in the final stretch. Swimming & Diving and Track & Field will have their Horizon League Championships at the end of the month.
    - v. Budget update – getting a clearer picture of our challenges for next year. Have let the Student Association know we need their assistance. Next AB meeting will have more of an update.
  - b. Athletics Report (written) discussion
    - i. Segregated Fee discussion on the process.
    - ii. Personnel update on interim position in women’s basketball that will have a search to fill.
    - iii. Great job with School Day Game.
    - iv. 1/3 of student-athletes are 3.8 or above – very impressive.
    - v. Horizon League game scheduling discussion with games scheduled over finals. FAR’s are recommending that HL regular season road games are not to be permitted during finals.
- IV. Guest: Scott Doffek – Head Baseball Coach.
  - a. 8 days out from starting the season. Practice: fall 3 days a week at Milkmen Field, November come inside, hoping to get out again in March.
  - b. 20-25 minutes in the middle of the day to get the field.
  - c. Milkmen Field - The team is super excited. 100% turfed facility. Locker room presence is something they have never had. Dimension: centerfield is 430 feet. We hit a lot of homeruns in the fall, but not to center. We have some speed at centerfield to cover the expanse, the best athlete Scott’s had in 25 years.

- d. The field is helping with recruiting, got a recruit this morning that they could not have gotten without the field. Getting more calls back than they have gotten before.
  - e. Young team – 17/35 that have not played at this level. Super young on the mound. Need to get healthier on the mound, none of the injuries are season ending. Will be learning on the fly with a tough schedule. Open up with Illinois and Wake Forest, Seton Hall, Sacramento State, Oregon. Like to be challenged. Team is academically very good.
  - f. Home scheduling- Northwestern and Purdue will be home games, never able to get Big Ten teams to come here in the past. Next year UC-Davis is coming here the week before finals. 20 home games total this year, 23 next year – had 16-17 in past years. Reestablish home advantage in new facility as we were very successful at The Hank.
  - g. The Rock hosts the top tournaments in Wisconsin, so now all those kids will see the Home of the Panthers when they compete there.
  - h. Finalizing marketing plan for the season. Tickets went on sale last week. Select games will bus students down to the facility.
  - i. Horizon League at the top is very good.
  - j. Miller Park game is April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - k. Suggestion of Athletic Board meeting before a game.
- V. Updates from student-athletes
- a. Milwaukee Athletics SAAC – Alyssa Fischer
    - i. Meet tonight.
    - ii. New Executive Staff next year, replacements were announced in January and will shadow this spring.
    - iii. Adulting workshops this spring.
  - b. Horizon League SAAC – Trevor Coenen
    - i. Meet this weekend.
    - ii. One Love Training will occur this month.
    - iii. Last semester ran mental health workshops, had over 100 student-athletes attend. SAAC was very pleased with the topics and attendance.
- VI. Business
- a. Report from Fiscal, Equity, Personnel committee
    - i. Met in December, reviewed minutes.
- VII. Adjourned at 8:42 AM

FUTURE MEETINGS – First Wednesday of every month (except January, ending in May) 8 am-9:45 am  
 March 4<sup>th</sup> - Academic Integrity  
 April 1<sup>st</sup> - Fiscal, Equity, Personnel  
 May 6<sup>th</sup> - TBD