



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th, 8:00-9:45 AM
UWM ATHLETICS- PAVILION 148**

Attendees: Neal Pease, Kevin Hartmann, Jessica Kumke, Dana Northrup, Trevor Koenen, Clare Faurote, Kevin Keenan, Cathy Rossi, AkkeeNeel Talsma, Liam Callanan, Adam Schemm, David Allen, Jim Cleary (phone)

- I. Call to order by Chair, Kevin Keenan at 8:03 AM
- II. Approval of February minutes – Approved unanimously with amendment that Jim Cleary was in attendance via phone.
- III. Updates from the Athletic Department:
 - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun (Cathy Rossi shared updates in Amanda’s absence).
 - i. Swimming concluded for Men and Women. The teams finished in the middle of the conference standings, but they made some progress and had several personal records.
 - ii. Indoor Track concluded. There were several positive results and individual records. Ashley Melvin was named Horizon League Indoor Athlete of the Year.
 - iii. Amanda Braun earned the honor of NACDA Athletic Director of the Year.
 - iv. HGA has been selected as the firm that will design the new basketball facilities. Once the design is made, the design will have to go back to the Board of Regents for approval.
 - b. Athletics Report (written) discussion
 - i. Segregated fees-An additional \$12 per student was requested in segregated fees. The student response to the request and the response was positive. There are still budget cuts needed despite the support.
 - ii. Staff Evaluations are being completed. Evaluations for the Fall sports are complete. The evaluations for the Winter and Spring sports are currently in progress. They should be completed soon as seasons are wrapping up.
 - iii. Athletics has joined the Multicultural Network on campus.
 - iv. Adam spoke about the success of Social Networking team.
 - v. Clare spoke about Northwestern Mutual Elevator Pitch program. It was considered a success for the 4th straight year.
- IV. Guests: Susie Johnson, Head Women’s Volleyball Coach and student-athlete Mackenzie Mroczenski (8:15)
 - a. 2019 Volleyball had a tremendous season after a 2018 season that didn’t have a lot of winning. In 2018, youth and injuries were a factor in the lack of winning, but it also provided lots of opportunities for the younger players to get playing time/experience. The Spring is the offseason, but commitment to improvement takes place outside of the game setting which led to leadership development, skill development, and sense of team.

- b. #ALL18 -Susie had a full roster of committed players with high character. While only 6 can be on the court, the other 12 stayed focused and positive. This motto helped carry them to this season's success.
 - c. Susie has been part of coaching volleyball for the last 25 years and shared what it is like to coach this team and this sport as female coach. She said her leadership relies a lot on chemistry. Part of this chemistry building falls onto the captain role. She shared the process to become captain of the team and shared how impressed she was this year!
 - d. Mackenzie was chosen as one of the two captains. She is a high achieving student and player on the team. She chose Milwaukee because it was close to home, familiar to her because of her sister who played at UWGB, and because UWM had the majors she wanted: Business and now Actuarial Science. The biggest adjustment for her is that the game is faster in college and all the players are good! Her best memory is winning from the very beginning of the year and the chance to participate so deep into the Horizon league tournament!
 - e. Susie said the team expects to be strong next year despite losing 6 seniors. The schedule will be much more difficult, but the talent is there to be successful and the hope is that the conference title can come to Milwaukee!
 - f. Volleyball had the highest team GPA among all UWM sports teams: 3.62.
 - g. There are three alumni of the program who are D-1 head coaches
- V. Updates from student-athletes
- a. Milwaukee Athletics SAAC – Alyssa Fischer – none. (Congratulations to Alyssa on being named to the Horizon All-Academic team.)
 - b. Horizon League SAAC – Trevor Coenen
 - i. Trevor said the group discussed the gift each athlete receives from the conference to see what the athlete's thought about it. Most agreed it is a nice gesture.
 - ii. Discussion was held about the possible change of the Men's Soccer season from a Fall season with spring exhibitions to a full yearlong season. They voted in favor of making the change, so it will go on to the next step of approval.
- VI. Panther Playbook Presentation by Clare Faurote (www.mkepanthers.com/pantherplaybook)
- a. Clare showed the Panther playbook to us in person and shared how it helps guide the student athletes to finding success by helping them focus on personal, academic and professional development.
 - b. It has been considered a very effective tool for the student athletes to use.
 - c. It prepares them for college life AND life after college
- VII. Report from By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals
- a. Kevin asked for clarity about the use of cell phones discussion that was part of the minutes. Jessica shared details that cleared up what was being reviewed.
- VIII. Other business, closing announcements – General meeting ended at 8:55AM.