



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH, 8:00-9:45 AM**

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

- I. Call to order by Chair, Kevin Keenan at 8:02 AM
 - a. Discussion of S-A Leadership Certificate brain storming event that the Athletic Board is instrumental in embarking on. Brian Thompson is assisting with the Think Tank which will occur in early June. Athletic Board members may be asked to participate.
- II. March minutes - approved
- III. Updates from the Athletic Department:
 - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
 - i. Doing our best as information is available. Managing our budget and furlough situation. Priority is keeping resources and people intact. Human resources will be the most important this coming year.
 - ii. Lots of great news coming out of our department – Congrats to Alyssa Fischer on earning the Horizon League Bobby Fong Award.
 - iii. Amanda is heavily involved in NCAA governance. Kathy Litzau and Amanda involved in Horizon League governance. Weekly meetings occur for both.
 - iv. Faculty Senate presentation tomorrow. No formal presentation.
 - v. Question about new students – proceeding, coaches continue to coach and provide whatever assurances we can, staying engaged by a weekly email (Kathy will share one).
 1. Biggest concern is International students and if they are even able to get here. Visa appointments can be 6 months.
 2. New student orientation will all be virtually. Can access through Canvas and attend a course. Athletics does a check-in and check-out and will do that remotely.
 - vi. How are we doing financially? In the report Cathy broke down loss revenue, it is over 2 years-FY20&21. We recouped savings from not traveling in the 4th quarter. Next fiscal year will be a challenge due to enrollment. Horizon League has proposed a distribution to member institutions and a freeze on dues. We will see a one time benefit. We are working on cost containment measures and furloughs.
 - vii. What happens to spring sport seniors? 18 were able to get their year back, about ½ are coming back and we will honor their scholarship.
 - viii. Kevin indicated that according to the Provost, large lectures are not that likely for the fall, smaller labs are likely going to run. Faculty are preparing for different scenarios. Final decision doesn't get made until mid-July.
 - ix. Update on Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) – NCAA has presented draft concepts to the board and been distributed broadly. The initial concepts would open up

opportunities to S-As. Schools would not assist and they could not use any marks from an institution. It is moving forward and being presented. Compliance world is wondering how they monitor it.

- b. Athletics Report (written) discussion
 - i. How are S-As doing with remote learning? Overall doing well, but isn't without challenges. We do have a high achieving group. Our academic advisors are meeting with students all day long. Professors are doing a great job, there are a lot of variations of how they are managing online teaching.
- IV. Updates from student-athletes
- a. Milwaukee Athletics SAAC – Alyssa Fischer
 - i. Met in April with good attendance, talked about where they were and what they needed
 - ii. Be the Match – bone marrow donation – participated
 - iii. Buddy Team meetings – got together to talk to have S-As in one spot.
 - iv. Tonight is the last meeting.
 - v. Mental Health initiatives are continuing
 - vi. Riley Vaughn, volleyball, will be the president next year. And 5 new S-As stepping into leadership roles on SAAC.
 - vii. Alyssa wants to continue working in athletics and working with students. She thanks Coach Rechlicz, Kathy and Clare for their mentorship.
 - b. Horizon League SAAC – Trevor Coenen
 - i. Met a little over a month ago
 - ii. Been reaching out over email asking for feedback on what they need and hope to see in the future.
 - iii. Next call is Sunday night.
- V. Report from Academic Integrity – minutes accepted
- a. Met all 3 NCAA benchmarks, which isn't required (only need 1).
- VI. Other business, closing announcements
- a. Congrats to senior graduates, Allison shared hiring is not happening in Biomedical Engineering right now but is confident she will have opportunities once elective surgeries start happening again.
 - b. Thank you to Liam and David as their term has ended.
 - c. Al announced that he is retiring in December and will not complete his last year.
 - d. Amanda thanked Kevin for his leadership as our chair!