



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, Sept 9th**

Attendees: AkkeNeel Talsma, Amanda Braun, Cathy Rossi, Adam Schemm, Anaily Guerrero Cardenas, Barbara Meyer, Clare Faurote, Dana Northrup, Jakara Edwards-House, Jessica Kumke, John Reisel, Jun Zhang, Kevin Hartman, Neal Pease, Rylie Vaughn, Steve Redd, Steven Mohar, Trevor Coenen

- I. Call to order by AkkeNeel Talsma (Asked to call meeting by Sec of the University) at 9:01 AM.
- II. Introductions
- III. Welcome and update from Amanda Braun, Director of Athletics
 - a. Established 3 groups for returning
 - i. Return to Play led by Aaron Haselhorst, Asst. A.D. for Sports Medicine
 1. Brought basketball back in mid-August. That went smoothly and helped guide us for the return of all student-athletes in August.
 - ii. Return to Office led by Cathy Rossi
 1. 40% requirement from campus for in office
 - iii. Return to Services led by Kathy Litzau
 1. Liaison with campus services for updates
 - b. We are submitting a request to the city to be allowed contact in our sports. Milwaukee is only allowing contact for professional sports. Our sports are currently in the 8 hour segment for all sports.
 - c. Webpage was created by Adam and his staff with all of our COVID return information <https://mkepanthers.com/sports/2020/8/12/covid19-updates.aspx>.
 - d. Our student-athletes are signing a Pledge to commit to responsible behavior for themselves and to one another.
 - e. Klotsche Annex project is well underway. Next meeting will show images. About 35% into the design phase. Spring it will go out for bid for construction, building should start summer of 2021.
 - f. Delayed Fall season competition to the spring – Horizon League and NCAA. NCAA is still deciding what that will look like. Should be decided next month.
 - i. Facility usage – we can accommodate
 - ii. Hope for as many competitions as the NCAA permits
 - iii. Now working on winter sports start date.
 - g. Amanda is meeting with each of the teams to discuss our commitment to racial and social justice, COVID and the importance to vote.
- IV. Approved May 2020 minutes.
- V. Purpose of Athletic Board – Kathy Litzau reviewed the By-laws and the meeting organization and structure.
- VI. Election of the 2020-21 – all unanimous selections
 - a. Chair – AkkeNeel Talsma

- b. Vice-Chair—Kevin Hartman
- c. Secretary—Dana Northrup
- VII. Orientation – Chair or representatives from last year’s committees reviewed committee work.
 - a. Steering Committee – Amanda Braun
 - i. A smaller group to pull together for urgent confidential matters. Would meet before the full board meeting if needed.
 - b. Academic Integrity – Neal Pease/Clare Faurote
 - i. Meets once a semester. Regular reporting agenda items include, grade reports, graduation success rate, academic progress, admissions data, and other as needed items such as best practices, NCAA legislative proposals, missed class policy.
 - c. By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals – Neal Pease/Jessica Kumke
 - i. Meets once a semester. Review NCAA legislation, not all but those that this group could provide feedback for or might have interest in. Reviews student-athlete appeals, in 8 years this group has reviewed maybe 3 appeals. Financial aid appeals is not a part of this group.
 - ii. Neal-FAR – on AB for 5 years. Impressive to see the commitment the staff has to looking after all these things. Staff goes about it the right way.
 - d. Fiscal, Equity, Long Term Development –Kevin Hartman/Cathy Rossi
 - i. Meets once a semester. Review EADA and NCAA Financial Report, Title IX compliance review, and talk a lot about our personnel. Will have more updates from the Diversity and Inclusion Workgroups.
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Reviewed placement of Board members on committees.
 - i. Approved as listed.
 - b. Updates from Students
 - i. Trevor Coenen – HL SAAC. This summer had 4 zoom calls to connect. First meeting of the fall semester is this Sunday.
 - ii. Jakara Edwards-House – Participated this summer in our racial justice dialogue and is excited to participate on a committee to create a safe space for student-athletes to have a voice.
 - iii. Rylie Vaughn – SAAC President and HL SAAC rep. All new people on MKE exec team except for Trevor. Lots of opportunities.
 - c. It has been requested for the board to receive a monthly verbal update from the Diversity and Inclusion workgroup.
- IX. Closing announcements – adjourned at 9:05 AM

FUTURE MEETINGS – First Wednesday of every month (except January, ending in May) 8 am-9:45 am
 October 7th - By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals
 November 4th - Academic Integrity
 December 2nd - Fiscal, Equity, Personnel
 February 3rd - By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals
 March 3rd - Academic Integrity
 April 7th - Fiscal, Equity, Personnel
 May 5th - TBD