



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 8:00-9:45 AM  
MINUTES**

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Attendees: Amanda Braun, Dana Northrup, Jim Cleary, Adam Schemm, Neal Pease, Cathy Rossi, Steve Redd, AkkeNeel Talsma, Clare Faurote, Annie Guerrero, Trevor Coenen, Barbara Meyer, Jakara Edwards-House, Jessica Kumke, Kevin Hartman, John Reisel, Wendy Heintz-Joehn, Guest-Andrew Basler

- I. Call to order at 9:00 AM by Chair, AkkeNeel Talsma
- II. Approval of February minutes, approved unanimously
- III. Updates from the Athletic Department:
  - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
    - i. Men's and Women's Track & Field both earned Horizon League Athletes of the Year
    - ii. Cross Country championship is tomorrow, Coach likes our chances.
    - iii. WBB was Horizon League Regular Season Co-Champions! MBB knocked out the #2 seed in an exciting come from behind overtime victory last night. WBB had a great win over Youngstown State. Both teams head to Indy for the semi's on Monday, finals Tuesday.
    - iv. Men's soccer, women's soccer and volleyball are all off to a good start. First game to allow fans is today at the women's soccer game, player passlist and students only.
    - v. Baseball got games in last weekend in KY, head to Ohio this weekend.
    - vi. Amanda has checked in with staff and some are worn out. External staff, athletic training staff and strength coaches are working hard with all of our sports in season.
    - vii. Basketball facility is on track, end of April the construction bid will go out. Thanks to Cathy Rossi for leading.
    - viii. Thank you to Kevin, AkkeNeel, Neal and John for the work being done with the Advocacy Group. She shared with Mark Mone and he asked how he can participate, he enjoyed hearing the perspective of the board from AkkeNeel in the Faculty Senate.
    - ix. Discussed having a Board meeting at a baseball game. Idea to have Chancellor Mone join.
  - b. Update from Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup – Kathy Litzau
    - i. Met with Dr. Chia Vang to review our progress with the grant money. She was very pleased with what we have accomplished so far.
    - ii. B.R.A.V.E Dialogue #3 on Cultural Competence – March 31st
    - iii. UWM Required Racial Justice Program for staff – Deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup> for completion. We will offer sessions to discuss each of the modules within athletics.
  - c. Athletics Report (written) discussion – no discussion
- IV. Andrew Basler, Head Track and Field Coach – 2-day championship turned into a 4-day championship due to COVID procedures. Logistics of feeding and keeping them active in the hotel was new. Doubled number of champions from the previous year. The support they were

showing each other was great--the last event of the mile relay, the team pounded on the windows as their teammates ran by (since they weren't allowed in the building). Andy gave credit to sports med and admin to put them in a position to compete. First outdoor competition is April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we have a better outdoor team. Outdoor Championships are at Youngstown. Cross Country is tomorrow, 4 days after indoor, normally distance will double events (3k & 5k) but with cross country so close wanted to set his athletes up for success. This year if you win your conference championship it's an automatic bid to the NCAA Meet. Women have a good shot at winning, IUPUI will be tough to beat in the men.

- V. Updates from Students
  - i. SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Council) – Clare Faurote
    - 1. March meeting tonight. The Dean of Students will join the meeting, Cathy Rossi will also join to discuss her path in athletics and what her job entails. 5 subcommittee's within SAAC, and will provide updates. Highlights were the Black History Month initiatives that SAAC supported.
  - ii. Horizon League SAAC – Trevor Coenen
    - 1. Has not had a formal meeting in a while. He spoke to Kyle Fairchild from the HL and they are working on a formal meeting. End of championship survey will go out to all athletes soon.
- VI. February meeting update from By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals, Dana Northrup chair
  - a. Name Image Likeness discussion and the outside factors that have delayed it.
- VII. Meeting ended at 8:38 AM