



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH
MINUTES**

Attendees: Wendy Heintz-Joehnk, Adam Schemm, AkkeNeel Talsma, Amanda Braun, Annie Guerrero, Barbara Meyer, Cathy Rossi, Clare Faurote, Jakara Edwards-House, Jessica Kumke, Jim Cleary, John Reisel, Kevin Hartman, Neal Pease, Trevor Coenen, Kathy Litzau, Scott Doffek-Guest

- I. Call to order by Chair, AkkeNeel Talsma – called to order at 9:04 AM
- II. Approval of March minutes – edit of adding Wendy Heintz-Joehnk, then approved unanimously
- III. Updates from the Athletic Department:
 - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
 - i. Basketball and volleyball completed their seasons. Due to COVID VB got the short end of the stick. Baseball is under way, highlight of the year to be at new facility. Men’s and women’s soccer both qualified for their tournaments and have semi-finals this weekend, women play Sunday at 1 PM at home.
 - ii. \$200,000 Dennis and Sue Webb donation. Dennis is the chair of the Panther Fund Council. Naming opportunity in the new facility.
 - iii. Ground breaking by invitation only will occur, will be virtual as well. More details to come.
 - iv. By the end of this month hope to be phasing back in to in the office.
 - v. Recruiting for coaches has been all virtual. Coaches have been in a dead period that continues through May (no on or off campus recruiting), the NCAA is expected to lift that for June 1st.
 - b. Update from Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup – Kathy Litzau
 - i. Held B.R.A.V.E #3 on Wednesday, March 31st. Facilitator Anya Covington discussed hate crimes against the AAPI community and micro aggressions. An implicit bias quiz was taken and small group discussions occurred. A survey will be sent to student-athletes and staff to get feedback on the past sessions and to help determine what our last session will be.
 - c. Athletics Report (written) discussion - none
- IV. Guest at 8:15: Scott Doffek, Head Baseball Coach
 - a. At baseball practice right now. Off to a good Horizon League start at 10-6, in 2nd in the league. Excited to play at home, have been home for 4 games and are excited to have more coming up. Hope to create a home field advantage. It’s an incredible place for fans, alums and players. It’s a great place to play. If you have a warm day it will play normal, if cold it will play big. It is a big park. A new turf so normally takes 2-3 years to speed up. Can be a pitcher’s park, but if you get a warm wind can be a hitter’s park. Very young team, only 3 seniors. Really good group, play to the last out, never quit.
 - b. Those that play in the minor’s (6-7) start their spring season now, after losing their season last year due to COVID.
 - c. Julius Martinez will email the AB a link to request tickets to baseball games.
- V. Updates from Students

- i. SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Council) – Annie Guerrero or Clare
 - 1. Today choosing the next executives
 - 2. Bradford Beach clean-up for community service
 - ii. Horizon League SAAC – Trevor Coenen
 - 1. Focus is on your campus so haven't been meeting in person due to COVID
 - 2. New members will be announced soon for next year. This is Trevor's last year.
- VI. March meeting update from Academic Integrity, Neal Pease chair – review of minutes by Clare, no questions.
- VII. Closing announcements
 - a. May 14th Athletic Board and Panther Fund Council Social at baseball game – information was emailed on how to request tickets.
 - b. Athletic Board elections are occurring now, please go and vote.
 - c. Wendy – Alumni Association update. March 4th she met with the Board President and Vice Chancellor. She shared a high profile group of student-athlete alums with them that Chris Roche had put together. Discussed how to work with the Athletic Board to capitalize on this success. A framework on how to accomplish this will be next steps. Those suggested to participate include Chris Roche and AkkeNeel. Update will be provided in the May meeting.
 - d. May meeting will have updates from the Advocacy Committee, progress made, plans over summer, next steps.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 AM