



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
10/5/22

Attendees – Barbara Meyer, John Gardner, Kate Watson, Adam Schemm, Derek Handley, Michael Carvan, Anika Tylek, Kathy Litzau, Clare Faurote, Kevin Keenan, Amanda Braun, Jim Cleary, Cathy Rossi, Nancy Rice, Peter Baran, AkkeNeel Talsma, Guest-Coach Andy Basler

- I. Call to order by vice chair Barbara Meyer at 8:02 AM
- II. Approved September minutes
- III. Updates from the Athletic Department:
 - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
 - i. Cross Country off to a good start
 - ii. Men’s soccer, women’s soccer and volleyball have a good amount of conference season left.
 - iii. Panthers Unite Program with Opendorse – connect for NIL and career connections for our student-athletes. Meetings occurred this week with Opendorse for onboarding.
 - iv. Personnel changes. Mainly in external area.
 1. Facilities and Event Operations position. - Top candidate Anika Martinson accepted the position. She attended University of North Carolina graduate program, she is from Wauwatosa.
 2. Annual Fund position filled – Cody Bohl, internal candidate. Currently in communications and will stay there until that position is filled.
 3. Director of marketing and director of media relations are being posted this week.
 - b. Update from Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup – Kathy Litzau
 - i. Training
 1. 9/19 - Some staff attended Athlete Ally LGBTQ+ Inclusion 101 Training
 2. 9/29 - Title IX training for volunteer providers
 - ii. Events
 1. 9/27 – Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association event with men’s and women’s basketball
 2. 9/28 – Latinx Heritage Night at Men’s Soccer
 3. 10/10 S-A Transfer orientation – Title IX Resources will be a topic discussed
 4. 10/18 – International Student-Athlete Reception, CIE will present
 5. 10/18-20 – Diversity & Inclusion Social Media Campaign
 6. 10/12 – Athletics Diversity & Inclusion meeting, guest Ariana Myers, Director of the LGBTQ+ Resource Center
 - c. Athletics Report (written) discussion
- IV. Guest – Andy Basler, Head Track & Field Coach

- a. Getting close to championship season for cross country. Women's side has a lot more depth, are positioned to win. Men's side is very thin, if perform well should get 3rd.
 - b. Track & Field – new sprints and hurdles coach, athletes are enjoying his training. Will have about a month once cross country ends to the start of indoor competitions.
 - c. Success from last spring – Indoor both teams got 2nd, long jumper missed Nationals by 1 cm. Outdoor – women 3rd, men 2nd. Kate Watson, pole vaulter and a hurdler Sam Conger qualified for NCAA West.
- V. Updates from Student-Athletes
- i. SAAC – Kate Watson and Anika Tylek
 - 1. Welcome Back Event went well. Introduced staff to student-athletes, and played some games after.
 - 2. World mental health video is being filmed tonight
 - 3. Diversity and Inclusion social media campaign. Follow MKEPanthers on Instagram and twitter.
 - 4. SAAC meeting is tonight
 - ii. Horizon League SAAC – Kendall Nead and Ben Huyhn
 - 1. HL is looking for feedback for regular season and championships. Will break out in SAAC meeting tonight to complete.
- VI. Closing announcements – home competitions this weekend, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
Adjourned at 8:31 AM