



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
3/1/23**

Attendees: Amanda Braun, Clare Faurote, Anika Tylek, Ben Huynh, AkkeNeel Talsma, Barbara Meyer, John Gardner, Jim Cleary, Adam Schemm, Nancy Rice, David Pate, Kathy Rossi, Kevin Keenan, Peter Baran

- I. 8:01 AM – Called to order by Chair AkkeNeel Talsma
- II. Guests: Ryan Kucera, Head Women’s Tennis Coach & Anika Tylek, senior
  - a. Spoke about his philosophy.
  - b. They are halfway through their season, have 4 strong wins. Have a tough schedule, played 5 NCAA teams
  - c. Have won the team GPA award for many years. This Fall had a 3.848.
  - d. Anika – shared everyone is somewhat of a new position. Ryan has done a good job with that transition. He empowers them and provides a lot of positivity. She is grateful to be back for a 5<sup>th</sup> year. She’s been accepted to Chicago Kent for IP Law, top 10 program in the country, she has a 90% scholarship. Will finish her MBA first. Emphasized the team motto of “Put the Team First”.
- III. Approved February minutes
- IV. Updates from the Athletic Department:
  - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
    - i. Competed in 2 (4) Championships
      1. Swimming & Diving - Women 3<sup>rd</sup>, Men 5<sup>th</sup>
      2. Indoor Track & Field - Women 2<sup>nd</sup> in a tight race, Men 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - ii. Basketball Championships started last night.
      1. Women won last night, play at CSU on Thursday.
      2. Men play Wright State tomorrow.
      3. Winners advance to Indy
    - iii. Baseball has 6 games in, play at Minnesota tonight.
    - iv. Practice facility had a soft opening yesterday. Branding elements are a few months away.
  - b. Update from Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup – Kathy Litzau
    - i. Discussed what was provided in the Athletics Report
- V. Updates from Student-Athletes
  - i. SAAC – Kate Watson and Anika Tylek

1. Nutritionist Tim Halverson will be the guest tonight and will have a trail mix station.
    2. Dr. Meyer will be the guest next month along with the Green Bandana Group.
    3. International Student-Athlete Night in May.
  - ii. Horizon League SAAC – Kendall Nead and Ben Huyhn
    1. HL SAAC meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, will review the branding of the HL. Doing the One Love Training in March.
- VI. By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals update from February meeting – Nancy Rice & Peter Baran
  - a. Reviewed the notes that were provided.
  - b. Nancy shared that the transformation committee seems to be focused on the student-athletes holistically, which she thought was impressive but then learned that we are already doing what they are requiring. We are treating our athletes well and doing a lot of proactive work to support them.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 AM
- VIII. 9:00 AM – Academic Integrity