



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
5/3/23**

Attendees: Adam Schemm, Amanda Braun, AkkeNeel Talsma, Jim Cleary, Anika Tylek, Clare Faurote, Derek Handley, Kate Watson, Nancy Rice, John Gardner, Cathy Rossi, Kevin Keenan, Kathy Litzau, Peter Baran, Ben Huyhn

- I. 8:02 AM – Call to order by Chair AkkeNeel Talsma
- II. Approved April minutes
- III. Updates from the Athletic Department:
 - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
 - i. Last meeting of the year. Tennis completed their season. Annika from our board was the hero in securing the win against NKU in the HL quarterfinals.
 - ii. Track and Field head to YSU for the HL Championships this weekend.
 - iii. Baseball has 5 home games starting tonight.
 - iv. Community donor engagement – took another step forward with our 414 Day. 253 donors, accumulated \$67,000 in gifts. Great way to engage donors and build a pipeline.
 - v. Department meeting a few weeks ago, had Chief Salazar and Captain Switala speak on safety on our campus.
 - vi. Faculty Senate presentation went well. Shared academic and competitive success and how we engage with the community.
 - vii. Working on the Board of Regents presentation. Amanda will present to the Audit committee, not the full board.
 - b. Update from Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup – Kathy Litzau
 - i. Update on NCAA DEI Review – Now due November 3rd, but our goal is to complete it by July 1st. Dr. Chia Vang reviewed our survey tools for staff and student-athletes and shared that she thought they cover excellent topics and had very few suggestions. She has asked Kathy to prepare a “state of DEI at UWM generally and Athletics specifically”.
 - ii. Yesterday, May 2nd welcomed EDS Director Jamie Cimpl-Weimer. He provided training for our swim program on Promoting an Inclusive and Healthy Culture: Microaggressions and Implicit Bias. It was a quick impactful training that we will look to hold with more teams next year.
 - iii. Wednesday, May 3rd – International Food Social, hosted by our international student-athletes to share a taste of their culture with other athletes.
 - c. Athletics Report (written) – no discussion
- IV. Updates from Student-Athletes
 - i. SAAC – Kate Watson and Anika Tylek
 1. Brand new committee next year, some great student-athletes taking over the executive role
 1. Ari Miller, VB - President
 2. Kendall Nead, WBB
 3. Stephanie Recinos, WSOC
 4. Angelo Stuart, MBB
 5. Chris Dobbie, Track
 - ii. Horizon League SAAC – Kendall Nead and Ben Huyhn
 1. Meet this month to talk about mental health campaign

- iii. What's next for our graduating student-athletes.
 - 1. Kate – graduating with a master's in criminology, moving to England to continue pole vaulting
 - 2. Anika – Completes her MBA this summer and will have an internship with Brewers, will be attending Chicago Kent Law School starting in the Fall. Finished her tennis career last weekend.
 - 3. Ben – Computer Engineering, hired by Eaton. Will move to the Third Ward in June.
- V. Fiscal, Equity, Personnel update from April meeting
 - a. Reviewed the minutes
- VI. Athletic Board Social at a baseball game at Franklin Field. Friday, May 19 at noon. Adam will follow-up with ticket information for each board member and a guest.
- VII. Thank you to outgoing board members: Barbara Meyer and David Pate; and graduating student-athletes: Anika Tylek, Ben Huyhn and Kate Watson.
- VIII. AkkeNeel would like to invite continuing members to think about being a chair next year.