



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, 8:00-9:45 AM
Virtual – Microsoft Teams**

Attendees: Jim Cleary, Nancy Rice, Adam Ahearn, AkkeNeel Talsma, Amanda Braun, Ari Miller, Cathy Rossi, Clare Faurote, Derek Handley, John Gardner, Kendall Nead, Kevin Keenan, Michael Carvan, Nancy Rice, Steven Redd, Kathy Litzau, Bo Zhang, Derek Handley, Peter Baran
Guests: Kevin Boyd, Lainey Higgins, Shawndrika Hazelwood

- I. Call to order by Chair Nancy Rice at 8:00 AM
- II. Guest: [Kevin Boyd](#), Head Women's Soccer Coach and player Lainey Higgins
 - a. Kevin shared details on their Horizon League Championship season, he scheduled a tough pre-conference which prepared the team for an undefeated conference season. Lots of accolades for the team: Player of the Year, Goalkeeper of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year, 5 First Team All-Conference, 1 Second Team All-Conference; 3 All-Region
 - b. 3.68 GPA last spring with all sorts of majors
 - c. Lainey shared her positive experience as a women's soccer player and her goal since she was little to play soccer in college.
- III. Approved November minutes
- IV. Updates from the Athletic Department:
 - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Amanda Braun
 - i. Mid-Year
 1. Fall sports are completed.
 2. MBB & WBB are rolling along. WBB is off to a good start. MBB has some injuries they are dealing with.
 3. Year end appeal for the first time. Cody Bohl has organized and done a great job for this broad appeal.
 4. Beer debut with Pilot Brewing. It will be released next week. Peck School of the Arts was involved in the design.
 5. Campus is reviewing the UWM brand for the best way to represent UWM. Liv Hwang, Vice Chancellor Marketing & Communications, is interested in meeting with Athletic Board. She wants to incorporate athletics in the branding.
 6. NCAA President Charlie Baker started last February and yesterday released information publicly acknowledging the financial disparity in Division I. He provided 3 ideas in writing to address that Amanda reviewed.
 - b. Update from Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup – Kathy Litzau
 1. Community Service – many of our student-athletes volunteered at the Panther Prowl and Make a Difference Day which was impactful to our campus and community.
 2. Safe Space Training – LGBTQ – Thursday, November 30th - Swimming & Diving entire team participated

3. WWHEL Networking on December 20th at 6 PM.
- c. Athletics Report (written) – no discussion
- V. Updates from Student-Athletes
 - i. SAAC – Ari Miller
 1. SAAC meeting tonight, guest is Monna Arvinen-Barrow from Sport Psych
 2. Volunteering – Food Pantry on campus
 3. NCAA legislative proposals will be reviewed
 - ii. Horizon League SAAC – Kendall Nead
 1. Toy Drive – will donate to Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin on Dec. 9th
 2. Team Impact
 3. Special Olympics
 4. Video Series topics will be addressed next semester
- VI. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 AM