



**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE  
ATHLETIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> 8:00-9:45 AM  
Virtual – Microsoft Teams**

Attendees: Jim Cleary, Steven Redd, Derek Handley, Clare Faurote, Michael Carvan, Cathy Rossi, Ari Miller, Adam Ahearn, AkkeNeel Talsma, John Gardner, Jen Earl, Bo Zhang, Peter Baran  
Guest: Bart Lundy

- I. Called to order at 8:00 AM by Chair Derek Handley
- II. Guest: Bart Lundy, Head Men's Basketball Coach
  - a. Throughout the season had 7 surgeries, which meant lots of new line-ups - led the NCAA with different number of line-ups. Got healthy at the end and went 8/9. Was a successful season overall, first back-to-back 20 win seasons since 05-06. New age in college athletics with transfer portal and NIL. We will lose BJ Freeman, leading scorer, he is being offered NIL money to play at other schools. Great core coming back, some new pieces (transfers). Attendance improved, have goals to keep increasing. Early injuries and losses affected attendance early but had a great showing for the Green Bay game.
- III. Approved March minutes
- IV. Updates from the Athletic Department:
  - a. Report from Director of Athletics, Kathy Litzau on behalf of Amanda Braun
    - i. Winter sports ended a few weeks ago.
      1. Bart gave the MBB update
      2. WBB ended the regular season with a win over GB who went on to win the HL Tournament. We lost to WSU in the quarterfinals, finished 16-16 (an improvement from last year).
    - ii. Spring sports waiting for spring weather
      1. Baseball won their first home series last weekend, had 2 games so far cancelled this week, are home this weekend.
      2. Tennis opened conference play last weekend with a win at Oakland, are home this weekend against CSU & YSU. HL Tourney is end of April.
      3. Track is continuing to excel, HL Meet is May 3-5.
    - iii. Golden Panther Award Ceremony, Monday, May 6 at 7 PM, Union Ballroom
  - b. Update from Diversity & Inclusion Workgroup – Kathy Litzau
    - i. Baseball promos
      1. 4/7 – Military appreciation day
      2. 4/20 – Res Life & Internation Students Day
      3. 4/21 – Military Appreciation Day, again
      4. May 1 – Mental Health awareness Game
    - ii. DEI Video at baseball
      1. DEI messaging at home events we want to be relevant and resonating. We discussed with SAAC and our DEI Committee and decided that this summer

we will work on presenting 3 options for teams to choose from on how they would like our culture of diversity and inclusion shared at home games. One option being continuing to play Lift Every Voice and Sing. For baseball this spring, based on their feedback, we created a [video](#) to highlight our diversity and inclusion statement.

- c. Athletics Report (written) - no discussion
- V. Updates from Student-Athletes
  - i. SAAC – Ari Miller
    - 1. Be the Match volunteered, had over 250 people register.
    - 2. Sports Nutritionist coming to meeting tonight, recruiting for exec team for next year.
  - ii. Horizon League SAAC – No updates
  - iii. OneHL – No updates
- VI. Report from By-Laws, Governance and Compliance, Student appeals – Chair Derek Handley reviewed the attached notes.
- VII. Voted on James Wright award winners – Board agreed to pick 2 men and 2 women. Voted [online](#).
  - a. Nominations:
    - i. Men
      - 1. Langston Wilson, MBB, Grad
      - 2. Nate Griepentrog, Men’s XC/TF, RS Junior
    - ii. Women
      - 1. Jada Williams, WBB, RS Fr
      - 2. Nadiia Konieva, Tennis, Soph
      - 3. Mati Jakscht, Volleyball, Sr
      - 4. Kendall Edwards, Women’s Soccer, Sr
- VIII. Closing announcements – in-person meeting May 1<sup>st</sup> (no hybrid option), Guest – Provost Andrew Daire
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 AM