

University Athletic Committee

January 31, 2012

3:30 PM

Bowman Room

Members Present: Richard Benson, Mike Ellerbrock, Richard Ferraro, Robena Hughes, Art Keown, Margarita McGrath, Lu Merritt, Jacqueline Nottingham, Scot Pleasant, Glenn Reynolds, Holly Scoggins, Don Shoemaker, Susan Short, Lorenzo Williams.

Members Absent: Fred Benfield, Hannah Billings, Larry Killough, Stephen Schoenholtz, Dean Stauffer, Joseph Tront, Franklin Warren, Jim Weaver.

Representatives: Savita Sharma for Dwight Shelton.

Guest Present: **Tom Gabbard**, Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs, **Jermaine Holmes**, Director of Student-Athlete Academic Support Services, **Pam Linkous**, Human Resources & NCAA Initiative for Athletics, **Sharon McCloskey**, Senior Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator.

Recorder: Joyce Wynn, Athletics

BUSINESS

Art Keown, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

Agenda for today's meeting was approved (motion was proposed, seconded and approved), Minutes for the November 2011, meeting were approved (motion was proposed, seconded and approved).

REPORTS

Fall Academic Update – Jermaine Holmes (handout)

- A total of 542 student athletes on team rosters.
- 47 percent of student athletes achieved a 3.0 or greater fall semester GPA
- 42 percent of student athletes maintain a cumulative 3.0 or greater GPA
- 140 student athletes made the Dean's List Fall 2011
- 14 student athletes earned a 4.0 semester GPA
- The average team cumulative GPA is 2.99
- 8 teams maintain a 3.0 or greater cumulative GPA

Questions and Answer

- Could the GPA be broken out by class?
I am working on that information with institutional research.

Discussion of facility upgrades and tour of the football lounge area and some of the renovated locker room space for women's teams.

The proposed indoor athletic training facility:

- Dr. Steger has put together a committee that will make recommendations as to site of the proposed indoor athletic training facility.
- That group will make a report to Board of Visitors in June at that meeting.

We have interviewed consultants that specialize in design criteria. A criteria consultant has been selected. Once a site has been finalized the consultant work will begin. This consultant will ultimately provide design criteria to different design build teams. The different teams use those criteria to compete for the design of building by providing us with their concept of the design of the building. We will select a winning team and use that team to build the building.

Other Renovated Facilities:

When we relocated football in their new facility it allowed plans for other renovations and subsequently we received another very significant gift to help. With that gift, we renovated six locker rooms. The old football locker room was converted to make three locker rooms with the help of Mr. Reynolds design. The baseball team moved into the old football area, the track team moved into the old football area and the men's soccer team moved.

The women's lacrosse and women's softball which you will see today was created by taking over the previous baseball locker room.

You will also see the new football lounge today. The new lounge has been very beneficial to the recruiting weekends which use to be in the speed and agility room is now used instead for the speed room.

The new Olympic sports weight room now under construction was made possible when the wrestling room which was one of the back gyms, moved into the new football third floor. The former Olympic sports weight room was a 2,500 square foot space servicing 10 to 12 sports. The new weight room expands that space to over 6,000 square feet. You will see that space today. It is under construction.

We just finished renovating room 309, which was part of the old study area for SAASS. We have used it for some staging for graduation before. That is now the new marketing offices and they are moving in as we speak. Since marketing has a new set up it will allow us to move the Student Life offices into the old marketing area. When that move is complete it will allow us to expand the women's track locker room.

To the benefit of Title IX, we have, across the board, improved our women's locker rooms. The consultant we use to assist us with our Title IX compliance was very pleased with the upgraded locker rooms for the women.

Additionally, the old football lounge on the first floor is now planned to become two things. One, there is an area that we call an Oasis, which is where the athletes hydrate after practice. It is in a little closet down the end of the hall downstairs. So, the front half of the old football lounge will now be converted to a new Oasis for all of our athletes. Two, the back half will be expanded space for our IT people.

There was some left over space in the old football locker room which contained a sauna and a steam area. We are going to upgrade that space and will be giving it to training. Olympic sports will now have a hot tub, cold tub, sauna and steam and some additional taping area for all. So, Olympic sports end up with a new weight room, expanded training area and new locker rooms across the board.

Art Keown dismissed the committee at 4:05 p.m. to tour athletic facilities.