

**BOARD OF REGENTS**  
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 9

DATE:  
April 20, 2010

**RECOMMENDATION**

**ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Working agenda for April 20, 2010 and the February 16, 2010 minutes to be received and placed on file.

**STAFF SUMMARY**

- The minutes for the April 21, 2009 meeting included the latest update on the MAC.
- Director of Athletics, Derrick Gragg

The agenda for the April 20, 2010 meeting will include:

- Approval of February 16, 2010 Minutes
- Good News from Athletics

**Good News from Athletics**

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**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

To be determined

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

April, 2010

Derrick L. Gragg, Ed.D.

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## **ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, April 20th, 2010**

**205 Welch Hall**

**12:45p.m.**

### **A G E N D A**

- A. Approval of Tuesday, February 16, 2009 Minutes
- B. Athletic Budget
- C. Indoor Practice Facility Operations Plan
- D. Future Football and Basketball Scheduling
- E. College Sports Film/Footage Initiative
- F. Good News from Athletics

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**Eastern Michigan University  
Board of Regents  
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
Minutes of February 16, 2010**

**MEMBERS:**

Regents: James Stapleton, Roy Wilbanks, Gary Hawks  
Athletics: Derrick Gragg, Director of Athletics

Athletic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 12:48p.m. by Regent Wilbanks.

Approval of the December 17, 2009 Minutes, passed unanimously.

Dr. Gragg introduced Melody Reifel Werner, Associate Director of Compliance.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC REPORT**

Dr. Melody Reifel Werner updated the group on EMU's student-athlete Academic Performance Rate. Dr. Gragg publicly thanked Erin Burdis, Director of our Student-Athlete Support Program, Ann Pierson, academic counselor, Dr. Reifel-Werner, Dr. Liz Broughton, the coaches and the student-athletes. One of the seven (7) main expectations of our student-athletes is for them to go to class, obtain knowledge and earn a degree.

Eastern Michigan University's student-athletes improved the department's cumulative grade point average from 3.028 in fall 2008 to 3.054 for the fall 2009 semester. A total of 13 teams posted a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA while 316 student-athletes (57.8 percent) recorded fall semesters of 3.0 or above. The men's golf team (3.209) topped the fall 2009 men's athletic squads while the women's teams were led by the volleyball squad (3.481).

***Highlights for the 2009 Fall Semester***

- Highest male fall 2009 team GPA Men's Golf (3.209)
  - Highest female fall 2009 team GPA Women's Volleyball (3.481)
  - Total number of 4.0 Fall semester GPA's, 30
  - Number of student-athletes above a 3.0 GPA (fall 2009) 316 (57.8 percent)
  - Team with most number of 4.0 semester GPA's 10 - Men's Track/Cross Country
  - Total number of teams with a 3.0 GPA for fall 2009, 14 (73.7 percent)
  - Total number of teams with a 3.0 cumulative GPA, 13 (68.4 percent)
  - Total number of teams that improved GPA from fall 2008, 13 (68.4percent)
  - Total number of teams that improved cumulative GPA from fall 2008, 11 (57.9 percent)
- The four-year EMU student-athlete graduation rate is currently 55%, which is 17 % higher than the EMU general student body rate.

Regent Hawks commented that it was a very good presentation. Regent Wilbanks inquired what our status was in student-athletes in the Housing on campus. Dr. Gragg responded that all freshman and sophomores are in EMU Housing.

## **SPORT PROGRAM UPDATES**

We are currently in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the men's athletic Reese Cup competition, which is exactly where we were this time last year. We are expected to do well in swimming, indoor and outdoor track, and golf.

The women's programs are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the Jacoby Cup competition. The women's basketball team will have a much higher finish than last year and the women's track teams are expected to do better as well. The women's golf team has also been a key contributor finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> each of the past 3 years.

Facility upgrades, the addition of the indoor facility in particular, will undoubtedly help with recruitment for football, women's soccer, baseball, softball and both golf teams. We are also currently renovating the locker rooms for men's and women's basketball and volleyball and making improvements to the auxiliary gym in the Convocation Center.

## **EMU E-CLUB HALL OF FAME DINNER**

The annual EMU Athletic Hall of Fame dinner will take place on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Student Center. Inductees will also be honored at halftime of the EMU vs. NIU men's basketball game. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m.

**The Class of 2009 includes:** Denise Allen (women's basketball), Charlie Batch (football), Jerry Cerulla (men's track), Angela (Springer) Johnson (women's track), Sharon McNie (women's gymnastics), Gary Patton (football), and Gary Strickland (athletic trainer).

This year's class will mark the 34th anniversary of the E-Club Athletic Hall of Fame.

## **INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY**

The new indoor practice facility is now fully inflated. Turf installation and other construction is taking place inside the facility. The tentative date for use of the facility is the first week of March. The facility is a permanent air-supported structure that is 410 feet long, 210 feet wide, and 75 feet tall and will include a welcome center (1,000 square feet) and convertible space (86,000 square feet) that can be configured for a football field, an international soccer field or four youth soccer fields.

Dr. Gragg publicly thanked John Donegan, Scott Storrar, Dave Jaworski, Doug Dowdy, Mike Malach, and Craig Fink for their hard work on the project. We are planning a ribbon cutting ceremony that will take place on April 20<sup>th</sup>, the morning of the next Board of Regents meeting.

Regent Hawks noted that several phone calls are asking when they can rent it. Regent Wilbanks stating this is a good opportunity to obtain revenue but to make sure the rate structure for the community is affordable, because of the difficult financial times. He thought it was great and Doug and his group did a great job. What date will it open and what kind of turf is in there? We are hoping to open March 8<sup>th</sup> and the turf is the same that is in Rynearson, just a little more updated according to Doug Dowdy.

## **GOOD NEWS FROM ATHLETICS:**

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM** – 18-6, 8-4 in the MAC; Tavelyn James set a school scoring record with 40 points at Buffalo last week.

Tavelyn was named the Mid-American Conference Female Scholar Athlete of the Week for the period ending Feb. 8. This marks the third time in her career she has won the weekly honor.

The MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week honor is presented to a MAC male and female student-athlete who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and performs well during the week's competition. The winners are selected by a group of the conference's faculty athletic representatives.

James, who holds a 3.37 GPA in occupational therapy, had another prolific week scoring the basketball, averaging 29.5 points per game to go along with 2.5 rebounds, 2.5 steals, 2.5 assists and a 47.4 shooting clip from the field. From beyond the arch, the Detroit native was 7-of-18 for 38.9 percent. James set the single-game standard for points with 40 in the Eagles' 78-65 victory over the University at Buffalo, Feb. 3. The Detroit native had set the record with 39 points earlier this season in the team's 108-24 victory over Rochester College, Dec. 9, 2009, at the Convocation Center. With the prolific total, James became the first EMU women's basketball player to score 40 points in a game and just the seventh EMU student-athlete to do so.

### **BASKETBALL HAITI RELIEF EFFORT**

Eastern Michigan University Athletics is teaming up with the EMU College of Business Sports Marketing Association for a humanitarian drive to assist the children and families of Haiti during upcoming men's and women's home basketball games.

We are encouraging fans to show their support by donating needed items during upcoming men's and women's home games. For each item donated, EMU will grant one complimentary ticket for that day's game.

Donations will be accepted upon entrance for the men's games on Feb. 14 (2 p.m. versus Western Michigan University) and March 4 (6:30 p.m. versus Central Michigan University) as well as the women's game on March 2 (7 p.m. versus Toledo).

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Carlos Medlock (Detroit, Mich.-Murray Wright)** has earned his second Mid-American Conference West Division Player of the Week Award for the season, this time sharing the honor with Western Michigan University's David Kool.

The two West Division players were selected for the week ending Feb. 7. Medlock's award is the fourth for an EMU player this season. He also won the award, Nov. 30, and teammate **Brandon Bowdry (St. Louis, Mo.-Taylor (Mich.) Truman)** captured the West Division honor, Nov. 16 and Dec. 7.

The 6-foot Medlock turned in three outstanding efforts in leading the Eagles to a 2-1 record in last week's action. He finished the week with a 21.7 scoring average, a 3.7 rebound mark, a 4.7 assist average and a 1.7 steal average in those games. He made 17-of-37 field attempts (45.9 percent), 8-of-22 three-point shots (36.4), 23-of-27 free throws (75.2) while scoring 65 points.

**Brandon Bowdry** was named the Mid-American Conference men's basketball West Division Player of the Week for the week ending with Sunday's, Feb. 14th games.

He also won the honor Nov. 16 and Dec. 7. He turned in two great statistics' lines for two games played last week. At Buffalo, Feb. 10, Bowdry scored 26 points with eight rebounds while playing just 24 minutes because of foul troubles in an 84-67 loss to the Bulls. He came back with 18 points and 12 rebounds in a 66-52 win over Western Michigan, Feb. 14.

For the two-game stretch, Bowdry made 18-of-23 field goals (78.3 percent), 1-of-2 three-point shots (50.0 percent), 7-of-8 three throws (87.5 percent) while hauling down 20 rebounds, scoring 44 points, dishing

three assists and recording two steals. Bowdry is currently the fourth-leading scorer (16.5 points) and top rebounder in the MAC (10.0) while being tied for 21st nationally in rebounding.

## **MEN'S SWIMMING**

Junior men's swimmer, Justin Griggs was honored with his first Mid-American Conference Swimmer of the Week award as announced by the conference office Tuesday, Jan. 26. Griggs won four races and placed second in another in leading Eastern Michigan to two dual meet wins, including a victory over Ball State that extended the Eagles dual meet win streak to 52 straight. Against Wayne State, Griggs won the 100-yard fly and swam the second-fastest split for the first place finishing 200-yard medley relay team. He finished second in the 50-yard free as well and his time of 20.94 was good for second-best in the MAC this season.

In the win over Ball State, Griggs recorded the sixth-fastest time in the MAC in both the 100-yard free and 100-yard back with times of 46.64 and 51.07, respectively.

We will host the MAC men's swimming championships at the Mike Jones Natatorium, March 4-6. We have won this championship for the past 3 consecutive years.

Regent Wilbanks had a couple of thoughts.

1. Scheduling
2. Mission Statement
3. In need of competitive schedules
4. Division I competition. Measure the success of our programs
5. Commit to be competitive

We were down a million last year, long term we need good private support through endowments.

Good job in beefing up attendance, I will continue to look at that. I appreciate all that Athletics does. Regent Stapleton echoed Regent Wilbanks words of a job well done.

Athletic Affairs Committee adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Hansen  
Administrative Secretary  
Intercollegiate Athletics