

**Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 20, 2011**

MEMBERS:

Regents: James Stapleton, Mike Morris, Floyd Clack and Chair, Mike Hawks

Athletics: Dr. Derrick Gragg, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

The Athletic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:01pm, by Regent Mike Hawks

Athletic Goals 2011-12

Dr. Gragg presented the 2011-12 Goals for Athletics, which are based on pre-set criteria devised by the Athletic Affairs Committee in 2005-06. This year's goals include:

- Implementing NCAA certification improvement plans
- Integrity and commitment to NCAA rules and Regulations
- Academic Success of Student-Athletes
- Competitiveness within the MAC
- Fiscal Integrity and Fundraising
- Increasing Actual Attendance for Football and Basketball Games

Dr. Gragg praised the fantastic graduate rate for student-athletes; he appreciates all that Erin Burdis, Ann Pierson, all the coaches and staff, who have worked so hard to achieve this good standing.

Nutrition Station Review & Expansion Proposal

Dr. Gragg provided an overview of the current nutrition station pilot program in which four (4) of the athletic teams participated including football, women's basketball, women's soccer and women's volleyball. He explained the financial impact of expanding the program to all of the student-athletes. The cost for daily nutritional supplements is approximately \$3.00 per student-athlete per day, five (5) days a week.

Athletic Facility Improvement Updates

John Donegan and Scott Storrar provided an update of the most current athletic facility renovations and improvements. John acknowledged the hard work of the physical plant, coaches, athletic management and marketing, who pulled it all together. Locker rooms were in bad need of repair, new signage, replacement of the Rynearson concession booth after the fire. Block bricks are being donated for around the stadium from an alumni and the labor is being donated by the Journey Men's Program. Now, that the Art Department has moved from Bowen, the SASS offices will be relocated upstairs. We have multi sponsorship of a boat house on Ford Lake thanks to Lakeside Park, MNR, and Ypsilanti Township for allowing use of the property. Dr. Gragg thanked John Lumm, Todd Ohmer and Mike Malach for all their hard work on the budget.

EMU Sport Program and MAC Updates

Rowing – The Mid-American Conference does not sponsor women's rowing; thus, we are seeking conference affiliation for the Women's Rowing program and plan to explore this more seriously in the coming months.

Conference re-alignments - Syracuse University and the University of Pittsburgh are leaving the Big East Conference after being accepted as full members into the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC); The Big East will be down to seven football schools, including Texas Christian University (TCU), which joins the conference next year. Texas A & M has received conditional membership into the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

The Famous Idaho Potato Bowl was unveiled today as the new name for the Humanitarian Bowl which features a top selection from the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) and the Mid-American Conference (MAC). The nation's longest-running outdoor cold-weather Bowl, played since 1997, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. MST at Bronco Stadium in Boise, Idaho and televised on ESPN.

Good News from Athletics

Volleyball has gotten off to a 12-2 start this season to follow up last year's 24-11 season after only winning 5 games the year prior. The team opens the MAC season on Friday at Western Michigan University.

Football began the season 2-0 for the first time since 1989. We visit Penn State this weekend before coming back to Rynearson for our home MAC opener versus Akron on October 1st. We are looking to be 3-0 at home to begin the season for the first time since 1995, the last year the football program had a winning season finishing 6-5.

Head Wrestling Coach Derek DelPorto, who earned All-America honors as a student athlete and later coached his Alma Mater to a regional championship, will be one of seven individuals honored Sept. 24 by induction into the Slippery Rock University Athletic Hall of Fame. DelPorto, a member of SRU's Class of 1999, compiled the third highest win total in Rock wrestling history with a 116-38 career record.

Upcoming Athletic Events

September 26th, 5-7 p.m. Annual New Student-Athlete reception at the University House where student-athletes get to interact with the university leadership. I want to thank Dr. Martin for hosting this event. Volleyball's home opener for the MAC season is the evening of October 1st versus Ohio University.

Athletic Affairs Committee adjourned at 1:37pm

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Karen A. Hansen
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