

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 21
DATE: January 17, 2006

RECOMMENDATION

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Athletic Affairs Committee Agenda for January 17, 2006 and the Minutes of November 15, 2006 be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

At its November 15, 2005 meeting the Athletic Affairs Committee reported that the revised Mission Statement for Intercollegiate Athletics would be presented to the Board of Regents for approval. The Academic Progress Rate (NCAA) and the Reese and Jacoby Cups (MAC) were explained. Facility planning and projects and progress towards meeting goals discussed. Updated on current Fall sports programs/student-athletes and events in the department.

The January 17, 2006 agenda includes update on private support to Intercollegiate Athletics, updates regarding the NCAA, the Fall results for Reese and Jacoby Cups, athletics expansion and planning, personnel update, and Hall of Fame Induction.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

Bob England, Interim Athletics Director
signing for University Executive Officer

Date

**BOARD OF REGENTS
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 17, 2006 – 8:00 a.m.
Welch Hall – Room 201**

AGENDA

1. Approval of November 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes Bob England

2. Private Support to Intercollegiate Athletics Bob England
 - a. Fundraising
 - b. Endowment Market Values
 - c. Gifts Received for Endowments
 - d. Spending Endowments

3. NCAA Update Bob England

4. Fall Sports Results Regarding Suzy Merchant
Reese and Jacoby Cup - By Sport

5. Athletics Expansion and Planning Bob England

6. Athletics Personnel Update Bob England
 - a. Introduce Stephannnie Harvey,
Assistant Athletics Director for Marketing and Promotions
 - b. Update on search for Director of Athletics Development

7. Hall of Fame Induction Bob England

8. Good News from Athletics Bob England

**Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of November 15, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Regents: Roy Wilbanks (Chair), Jan Brandon, Floyd Clack

Administration: Bob England, Suzy Merchant

Community: Donald Shelton

Regent Wilbanks convened the meeting of the Athletic Affairs Committee at 8:20 a.m.

Regent Wilbanks stated that the revision of the Policies, Rules and Regulations for Intercollegiate Athletics was passed at the June meeting by the Board of Regents.

Regent Wilbanks welcomed Melody Reifel Werner, EMU Director of Compliance, who will be reporting on the APR (Academic Progress Rate) and Carol Carrico, recording secretary of this committee

Minutes of September 20, 2005 meeting approved. Supported by Donald Shelton, seconded by Regent Brandon.

Mission Statement - Intercollegiate Athletics

Bob England reported that the Mission Statement has been reviewed by the Athletics staff and is ready to be presented to the Board of Regents. Regent Wilbanks stated that the Mission Statement will go before the Board today.

Presentation on Academic Progress Rate Standards

Melody Reifel Werner discussed the APR (Academic Progress Rate) which is a new NCAA reform measure and will be based on four years of data. However the first report will be based on data from 2003-04 and 2004-05. She said that an APR is calculated for each sport and discussed the point system used for each student-athlete on the team. NCAA has indicated that 925 is a passing team score, those teams falling below have the potential to lose scholarships (up to 10% of allowable scholarships).

Update on Facility Projects and Update on Intercollegiate Athletics Planning

Bob England reported that the football turf and the soccer field have been completed and both have had competitions on their fields. Work on a new location for the wrestling room has begun and they are targeting for the grand opening to be January 21, 2006.

Daktronics is working with Athletics to upgrade our scoreboards that are 20+ years old and many parts are not available to fix them. New boards include: North end zone of football field with a video screen, add a south end scoreboard, marquee at Hewitt and Huron River Drive, and billboard at the I-94 exit. With sponsorship packages and advertising it is hoped that the selected scoreboards would be in place and operating for the fall 2006 football season.

Progress toward Meeting Goals

Bob England reported that a committee has been formed consisting of athletics staff and coaches with two sub-committees (physical and financial).

Reese Cup/Jacoby Cup Background

Regent Wilbanks explained that competitiveness at Eastern Michigan University will be measured within the Mid-American Conference (MAC). The standards will be set by how well EMU intercollegiate athletics competes for points with other MAC schools to win the Reese Cup for the men's sports and the Jacoby Cup for women's sports.

Suzy Merchant explained that the Reese Cup goes to the school with the highest average of points in 11 men's sports that the MAC offers championships. The Jacoby Cup represents the same but with 12 women's sports. EMU men's teams have won the Cup in 1988, 1991 and 1996 and the women best placement has been 2nd in 1988, 1989, and 1990.

Regent Wilbanks asked that the Athletic Director use these measures as one piece of the coach's performance and the University will use the Reese/Jacoby Cups to determine competitiveness of the athletic program.

Private Support – First Quarter Report

No report

Good News in Intercollegiate Athletics

Bob England congratulated the Men's Cross team for winning the MAC Championship. They were 5th at National and beat UofM and MSU – Best Michigan team and only MAC school at competition. A resolution will be presented at the Board of Regents meeting today. Volleyball won their first ever MAC West Division title and will compete in MAC tournament play this weekend. Men's Swimming and Diving recently won their 40th consecutive MAC Dual meet. A number of EMU student-athletes have received honors either for their on-the-field performances or for their academic achievements.

This Friday, November 18th, EMU will host a double-header for men's and women's basketball. Ben Braun, former Men's Basketball Coach, will be inducted into the EMU Athletic Hall of Fame. Gene Smith (former Director of Athletics) will also be present. The Women's Basketball team will raise the WNIT Banner at half-time of the men's game.

Regent Wilbanks adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol E. Carrico
Administrative Secretary
Intercollegiate Athletics