

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 10

DATE:
September 22,
2009

RECOMMENDATION

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

Working agenda for September 22, 2009 and the June 23, 2009 minutes to be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

- The minutes for the June 23, 2009.
- Director of Athletics, Derrick Gragg introduced Mike Malach and Dr. Lumm who gave the updated budget overview.
- MAC Update

The agenda for the September 22, 2009 meeting will include:

- Approval of June 23, 2009 Minutes
- Athletic department Goals/Objectives
- Title IX Update
- Student-Athlete Academic Report
- Good News from Athletics

Good News from Athletics

- Director Gragg was named BCA Athletic Administrator of the Year. He received the award at the BCA national convention in Indianapolis on May 29, 2009.
- Final Reese Cup Standings for 2008-09, EMU men's athletic program tied for second
- Oliver Walther was selected to the 2008-09 ESPN The Magazine for Men's Cross Country/Track and Field Academia All-American, third team
- Women's Basketball received a grant for \$15,000 through the NCAA Division I
- The Council of Presidents endorsed the Directors of Athletics' recommendation over the next 16 months to develop a fiscally responsible plan to arrive at a two 12 team tournaments
- Four student-athletes received the honor of league-best four players on the 2009 Academic All-Mid-American Conference team
- E-Gridiron Group Golf Outing held on June 15th was completely sold out

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

To be determined

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

August 18, 2009

Derrick L. Gragg, Ed.D.

**BOARD OF REGENTS
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, September 22, 2009
Welch Hall**

A G E N D A

- A. Approval of Tuesday, June 23, 2009 Minutes
- B. Athletic Department goals/Objectives
- C. Title IX Update
- D. Student-Athlete Academic Report
- E. Good News from Athletics

**Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of June 23, 2009**

MEMBERS:

Regents: Regent Floyd Clack, Regent James Stapleton, Regent Roy Wilbanks, Phillip Incarnati and Gary Hawks

Athletics: Derrick Gragg, Director of Athletics

Regent Phillip Incarnati called the Athletic Affairs Committee to order at 12:49p.m.

Request for approval of the April 21st, 2009 Minutes. Moved and seconded, motion carried.

The Director of Athletics, Derrick Gragg presented Associate Director, Mike Malach and Chief Financial Officer to present a budget overview through the year 2010.

Associate Athletic Director Mike Malach and University Chief Financial Officer John Lumm reviewed the FY '10 athletic operational and guarantee budgets. The committee made a motion to approve the budget and forward it to the entire Board of Regents for final approval.

Director Gragg briefed the committee on the 6 major preliminary athletic goals for the 2009-10 academic year. The goals include:

- Integrity – NCAA/MAC rules compliance
- Student-athlete academic success
- Competitiveness
- Fiscal integrity and fundraising
- Title IX compliance
- Increasing actual football attendance

Good News from Athletics:

Final Reese Cup Standings for 2008-09

The Eastern Michigan University men's athletic program followed their 1st place finish in last year's MAC Reese Cup standings tied for second with Central Michigan University behind 2008-09 champion Kent State University. This is the only time we have finished 2nd overall since the award was first presented in 1984-85. We have captured the Reese Cup Trophy 4 times since that time. The 2007-08 and 2008-09 are the best back to back finishes since 1989-90 and 1990-91 when we also finished first and second in consecutive years.

Director Gragg Named BCA Athletic Administrator of the Year.

Eastern Michigan University director of athletics **Dr. Derrick Gragg** was named the Black Coaches & Administrators (BCA) Administrator of the Year for 2008-09. He received the award at the BCA national convention in Indianapolis on May 29th.

Track and Field

Eastern Michigan University senior distance ace, **Josh Karanja** ended his collegiate running career by placing sixth in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the NCAA outdoor championships while earning All-American honors.

With the All-American honors added to his list of accomplishments, Karanja's name will be added to the long list of decorated track and field student-athletes at Eastern Michigan. He was a 10-time All-MAC selection, five-time MAC Track/Cross Country Athlete of the Week, five-time Academic All-MAC selection, four-time NCAA All-Regional honoree, four-time NCAA Championship qualifier, two-time MAC Champion and two-times MAC Co-Most Valuable Performer.

EMU men's track student-athlete **Oliver Walther** has been selected to the 2008-09 *ESPN The Magazine* Men's Cross Country/Track and Field Academic All-American third team, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) announced Thursday, June 18. Walther becomes Eastern Michigan's first track and field athlete, male or female, to earn this award.

Walther, finance major carrying a 3.92 GPA, had an excellent season that was highlighted by winning the indoor Mid-American Conference Championship title in the long jump. He became EMU's second MAC long jump champion since **Victor Nembhard** won the title in 1999.

Women's Basketball Grant

Eastern Michigan University received one of 18 grants as part of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Grant Program. Approximately \$750,000 in grant money was given to schools and conferences by the NCAA. EMU received \$15,000 as part of the program. The grant program is designed to foster increased awareness, exposure and increase attendance of women's basketball on NCAA member campuses and within NCAA member conferences.

MAC Update

The Presidents approved a recommendation to retain a 12-team men's and women's basketball tournament format with only eight (8) men's and women's teams advancing to Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland following first-round campus site games. The approved format will be in place for a two-year period (2010 and 2011).

The Council of Presidents endorsed the Directors of Athletics' recommendation that over the next 12 to 16 months the MAC develop a fiscally responsible plan to arrive at two 12-team tournaments at separate, neutral-site venues beginning with the 2012 events. The approved tournament format for 2010 and 2011 was in place the first seven years of the event's existence in Cleveland (2000-06); the last three years (2007-09) all 12 men's and women's teams advanced to The Q.

The Presidents also took action by ratifying bowl extensions through 2013 with the Motor City Bowl in Detroit, GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala., and International Bowl in Toronto, ON, Canada. The GMAC Bowl will own the MAC's first selection following the 2009, 2011 and 2013 football seasons; the Motor City Bowl will retain the first selection following the 2010 and 2012 seasons.

Baseball Team Academic Success

The Eastern Michigan University baseball team placed a league-best four players on the 2009 Academic All-Mid-American Conference team, as junior **Corey Chaffins (New London, Ohio-New London)**, sophomores **Zack Leonard (Canton, Ohio-McKinley)** and **Matt Skirving (Midland, Mich.-H.H. Dow)** and senior **Kyle Rhoad (Fostoria, Ohio-Elmwood)** each picked up the honor, the league office announced Tuesday afternoon, June 16.

Chaffins, a 3.56 GPA in biology, made 11 starts on the mound in 2009, tallying a 5-3 record and a 7.83 ERA in a team-high 66.2 innings pitched. Chaffins notched a team-best 69 strikeouts and was named MAC West Pitcher of the Week twice (April 13 and May 4) to go along with second-team All-MAC accolades.

Leonard, a 3.75 GPA in exercise science, started 58 games for the Eagles at third base. Leonard finished the season with a .333 batting average and a team-best 15 doubles. He hit seven home runs and drove in 35 runs and was named MAC Male Scholar Athlete of the Week, March 13. Leonard was also named to the MAC All-Tournament team after going 8-for-16 (.500) with two homers, four runs scored and seven RBI.

Skirving, a 3.20 GPA in management, Started 55 games for the Eagles and batted .348 with 16 home runs and a team-best 64 RBI. Skirving finished with a team-best .647 slugging percentage and was named MAC West Player of the Week, May 4 and was a first-team All-MAC as a designated hitter.

Rhoad, a 3.91 GPA in supply chain management (M.B.A.), started all 60 games in center field for the Eagles. Rhoad finished with a team-best .349 batting average, leading EMU in runs (69) and hits (81). He Tied for the MAC lead in stolen bases with 32 in 35 attempts (EMU single season record). Rhoad tallied 12 homers and 34 RBI and was named a third-team Academic All-American. He was also named one of 30 candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award earlier this season and was named to the MAC All-Tournament team at the end of the season. Rhoad was drafted in the 33rd round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Players Draft by the Texas Rangers.

E-Gridiron Group Golf Outing

The E-Gridiron Group golf outing that was held on last Monday was completely sold out for the first time in its history. Director Gragg thanked Craig Fink and Brett Petersmark, President of the EGG for their hard work and oversight of the event.

Regent asked if there were any questions or concerns, with none raised, he adjourned the meeting.

Athletic Affairs Committee adjourned by Regent Incarnati at 1:26p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Hansen
Administrative Secretary
Intercollegiate Athletics

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