

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 5

DATE:

October 19, 2010

RECOMMENDATION

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

Working agenda for October 19, 2010 and the September 21, 2010 minutes to be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

- The minutes for the September 21, 2010 meeting
- The agenda for the October 19, 2010 meeting will include:
- Approval of September 21, 2010 minutes
- Athletic Departmental Goals and Objectives 2010-11
- Future Football/Basketball Scheduling
- Mid-American Conference Updates and conference Re-Alignment Issues
- Good News from Athletics

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

To be determined

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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

Derrick L. Gragg, Ed.D.
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

Date: October 1, 2010

BOARD OF REGENTS

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

205 Welch Hall

12:45p.m.

AGENDA

- A. Approval of September 21, 2010 Minutes
- B. Athletic Departmental Goals and Objectives 2010-11
- C. Future Football/Basketball Scheduling
- D. Mid-American Conference Updates and Conference Re-Alignment Issues
- E. Good News from Athletics

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**Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of September 21, 2010**

MEMBERS:

Regents: James Stapleton, Roy Wilbanks, Floyd Clack, Philip Incarnati
Athletics: Derrick Gragg, Director of Athletics

Athletic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:53p.m., by Chair, Regent Phillip Incarnati.

Approval of the June 15, 2010 Minutes, accepted.

National Collegiate Sports Film/Video Center at Eastern Michigan University

Dr. Gragg introduced Dr. Graham Warger. Dr. Warger taught at EMU from 1982-2004 (History Dept & Distance Ed Dept) for the past 20 years he has been locating, preserving, & archiving Collegiate Sports on Film & Video. Dr. Warger has worked with numerous Universities across the country and this soon led to many additional projects with such Institutions as the NCAA, the College Football Hall of Fame, and various Athletic Conferences. Some of the Universities & Conferences that he has worked with include: PAC 10 Conference; Mountain West Conference; UCLA; Notre Dame; Stanford; Cal; Alabama; Michigan State; Michigan; Iowa; Northwestern; Minnesota; South Carolina; Air Force; Army; Ohio U; Toledo; Bowling Green; Pitt; Ohio State; Central Michigan; Western Michigan; San Jose State; Washington State; Washington; Arizona; Arkansas; St Bonaventure; and Miami. In addition, I have also done several projects with HBO, ESPN, & ABC. Dr. Warger expressed his love for Eastern Michigan University and his appreciation for this opportunity to speak at today's session. Dr. Warger has been archiving film/video for about twenty-five years and realized that if we don't preserve what we have now, it could be lost forever. This would be a great opportunity to put Eastern in the forefront with a National Collegiate Sports Film/Video Center. Regent Stapleton felt this would be good for EMU, what is needed? We need the concept, space, capital, office equipment, and a curator position. Technical support would also be needed. Regent Stapleton asked just how much space was needed. You would need at least four large rooms (comparable to the trainer rooms), with temperature control. Perhaps in the lower level of Bowen or the L shaped storage room in the Convocation Center. Regent Incarnati stated that we can support this notion. He felt Dr. Warger had done a fabulous job and to have EMU as the center is very exciting. Dr. Wagner stated that this all started out of a class and has grown into this. Regent Incarnati assured that we would investigate this proposal. Dr. Warger thanked the committee for allowing his to address them today.

NCAA Certification Process

Dr. Gragg then introduced, Dr. Melody Reifel Werner, who briefed the committee on the ongoing NCAA Certification process which began two weeks ago. Dr. Werner presented a slide show for all to view with narration. There is strong president commitment and a sub-committee is kicking off a university wide recruiting request.

Conference Re-Alignment

Dr. Gragg updated the committee on nationwide conference re-alignment issues:

The Western Athletic Conference (WAC) filed a lawsuit against the two schools and the Mountain West. The lawsuit hopes to keep Nevada and Fresno State in the conference through the 2011-12 academic year and wants all three defendants to be prohibited from scheduling games that will infringe upon the WAC's conference play through that year.

Also disputed, but not part of the lawsuit, is the amount the schools will pay after deciding to join the Mountain West last month. Nevada is planning to contest the \$5 million buyout because it did not sign an agreement that the other seven schools in the league did.

The WAC would be left with only 6 members and the minimum number for Division IA status is 8. Schools leaving include Boise State, Fresno State and Nevada

Brigham Young or BYU has decided to leave the Mountain West Conference and go independent in football (future Big 12 member) – joins Notre Dame, Army and Navy as the only major independents in the country. Their other teams will be joining the WCC

The Big East Conference, the Big East might then look to stabilize itself by adding Memphis and Central Florida from Conference USA (though it already has invited Villanova to join).

GOOD NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

The EMU Volleyball team has gotten off to an 11-3 start.

Eastern Michigan University volleyball standouts **Rachel Iaquaniello (Plymouth, Mich.-Dearborn Divine Child)** and **Haley Stein (Carleton, Mich.-Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central)** were named the Mid-American Conference West Division Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week the conference office announced Monday, Sept. 13.

The Eagles finished a 3-1 week that was capped off with a thrilling 3-2 victory over Michigan State University, Sept. 11, to win the Spartan Invitational championship at Jenison Field House. The Eagles' victory snapped MSU's recent domination in the series, with the Spartans now holding a 20-8 edge in the all-time series. Prior to Saturday's victory, Eastern had lost six consecutive matches to MSU dating back to the 1993 season.

Iaquaniello was named the Spartan Invitational MVP as the Eagles continued to excel with a 10-1 start to the season. Iaquaniello, who was not yet one year old the last time EMU defeated MSU, has now been named the Tournament MVP at two of three invitationals that Eastern has played in during the 2010 season.

Stein was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Spartan Invitational as the Eagles finished with a 2-1 record to claim its third-straight championship. Stein averaged 5.47 digs per set in four matches on the week. Stein's best match came against Michigan State when she pulled up a season-high 27 digs while adding three service aces on 16 serves. Stein also chipped in 23 digs against Clemson after posting 16 versus Oakland and Eastern Illinois.

The Eagles hit the court again on Sept. 21 for their home opener versus Youngstown State University with the first serve at 7 p.m. EMU stays at home for the week with contests on Sept. 23 and 25 against Central Michigan University and Kent State, respectively. Both matches are set to start at 7p.m

Long-time, legendary Eastern Michigan University men's track and field Head Coach **Bob Parks** celebrated his 80th birthday in grand style, Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010, as he was honored during the football team's home opener at Rynearson Stadium.

Parks was presented with a plaque featuring past Parks-coached team photos and other photos of the program's historic accomplishments by current Head Coach **John Goodridge** and members of the cross country and track and field teams.

Also on hand for the presentation were recent track and field alums including Glenn Davis, one of Bob's EMU teammates, and Bob's wife, Pat.

Steve Fraser, an assistant wrestling coach at Eastern Michigan University from 1987-93, will be one of 12 inductees into the state of Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, Sept. 13, 2010, at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, Mich.

Fraser joins Bob Becker, George Blaha, Bill Flemming, Marian Ilitch, Peter Karmanos, Rick Leach, Meg Mellon, Herman Moore, Eddie Murray, Jack Roush, and Jon Urbanek. Roush, head of Roush Fenway Racing, also has an EMU connection after earning a master's degree from the University.

A native of Hazel Park, Michigan, Fraser was the United States' first Olympic Gold Medalist in Greco-Roman wrestling and is currently the National Olympic Greco Coach for the United States.

Fraser competed in football, track and field, and wrestling as a high school student. He won a wrestling scholarship to the University of Michigan in 1976. He won national Greco-Roman championships in the 198-pound division in 1982 and 1983, when he also won a gold medal at the Pan-American Games. He won the national freestyle title in 1984 but finished second in Greco-Roman championship. However, he placed first in the 1984 Olympic trials and then became the first U. S. athlete ever to win an Olympic gold medal in Greco-Roman wrestling. Fraser has been inducted into the U. S. Wrestling Hall of Fame and the University Of Michigan Hall Of Honor.

Eastern Michigan University senior running back **Dwayne Priest (Roanoke, Va.-William Fleming-Fork Union Academy)** was named the Mid-American Conference's West Division Offensive Player of the Week for the period ending Sept. 5. The honor marks the first time Priest has collected the weekly accolade.

Priest ran for a career-best 142 yards on 26 rushes and scored two touchdowns in Eastern Michigan's 31-27 loss to Army, Sept. 4, at Rynearson Stadium. It marked the third time Priest had eclipsed the single-game century rushing mark in his career.

Athletic Affairs Committee adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Intercollegiate Athletics

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