

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 12

DATE:

April 14, 2011

RECOMMENDATION

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

Working agenda for April 14, 2011 and the February 15, 2010 minutes to be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

- The minutes for the February 15, 2010 meeting
- NCAA Certification
- Sport Program and Athletic Department Update
- Fundraising Update
- Game Guarantee Report
- The agenda for the April 14, 2010 meeting will include:
- Approval of the February 15, 2010 minutes
- NCAA Certification Update/Self Study
- 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: April 14, 2011

BOARD OF REGENTS

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 14, 2011

201 Welch Hall

1 p.m.

AGENDA

- A. Approval of the February 15, 2011 Minutes
- B. NCAA Certification/Self Study Process
- C. Good News from Athletics

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**Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 15, 2011**

MEMBERS:

Regents: James Stapleton, Roy Wilbanks, Floyd Clack, Mike Hawks
Athletics: Dr. Derrick Gragg, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

The Athletic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:03p.m., by Regent Roy Wilbanks.

Approval of the December 16, 2010 Minutes, accepted.

New Regent Michael Hawks was introduced. Regent Wilbanks stated we are really glad to have him here at Eastern Michigan University.

NCAA Certification

Walter Kraft, Vice President for EMU Communications, updated the Athletic Affairs Committee on the NCAA certification process. EMU has started a year-long, campus-wide effort to study its athletics program as part of the NCAA Division I athletics certification program. Specific areas covered throughout the process are governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, gender/diversity and student-athlete well-being.

Sport Program and Athletic Department Update

Dr. Gragg provided a report on the current status of the athletic sport programs. The women's sports programs are currently ranked 4th overall in the MAC and the men's programs are ranked 5th overall.

Notably, the latest grade report for the Eastern Michigan University athletics department has been released and the University's 21 sports teams have recorded the best overall cumulative GPA in school history at 3.117 for the 2010 fall semester. The 2010 fall semester GPA of 3.064 is the second-highest semester GPA in school history. Dr. Gragg thanked Erin Burdis and Ann Pierson of the SASS Office for all their help with this achievement.

The EMU men's swimming team led all men's teams in fall 2010 with a 3.293 GPA while the best women's GPA was turned in by the women's volleyball team at 3.573.

There were 32 student-athletes that posted 4.0 GPAs during the 2010 fall semester, 61.5 percent, had 3.0 or better GPAs.

Highlights for the 2010 Fall Semester

- Highest male 2010 team GPA Swimming (3.293)
- Highest female fall 2010 team GPA Volleyball (3.573)
- Total number of 4.0 2010 fall semester GPA's 32
- Number of student-athletes above a 3.0 GPA (Fall 2010) 308 (61.5 percent)
- Team with most number of 4.0 semester GPA's 5 - Women's Soccer
- Total number of teams with a 3.0 GPA for Fall 2010 15 (78.9 percent)
- Total number of teams with a 3.0 cumulative GPA 14 (73.6 percent)
- Total number of teams that improved GPA from Fall 2009 15 (78.9 percent)
- Total number of teams that improved cumulative GPA from Fall 2009 14 (73.6 percent)

- The 2010 Fall cumulative GPA of 3.117 is the highest in our history
- The 2010 Fall team GPA of 3.064 is the second highest in our history

Fundraising Update

Foundation Vice President for Advancement & Executive Director, Tom Stevick was welcomed by the board.

Craig Fink, Associate Athletic Director for Development presented the most recent fundraising report to the group. The amount of money raised thus far for the 2010-11 academic year ranks 5th overall in athletic department history. Power Point attached. Regent Wilbanks stated it was nice to see the 3 million spent on the principle for programming.

Game Guarantee Report

Dr. Gragg updated the committee on the football and men's and women's basketball guarantee games scheduled for 2011 through 2013. See attached.

GOOD NEWS FROM ATHLETICS

E-Club to Induct Seven Into the EMU Athletics Hall of Fame

Eastern Michigan University E-Club, a group of former EMU varsity athletic letterwinners, has announced the addition of seven new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The Class of 2010 will be honored at a Hall of Fame ceremony Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, in the EMU Student Center on campus.

The Class of 2010 includes: **Clement Chukwu** (track), **Dawn (Godfrey) Heck** (softball), **Laurie (Hubbard) Leonhardt** (women's swimming), **JoAnn (LeFevre) McBroom** (women's basketball), **Hildred Lewis** (football and men's track), **John Martin** (baseball), and **Barry Stokes** (football).

In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees, the E-Club will present **Ed Mizinski**, a past E-Club president and former EMU football player, with the **Ron Oestrike Distinguished Service Award**. The award, named after former EMU baseball-coaching legend Ron Oestrike, was first presented at the 2008 Hall of Fame ceremony to Oestrike. The award is voted on by the E-Club Executive Board and is presented to individuals that have been instrumental in assisting the E-Club.

This year's class will mark the 35th anniversary of the E-Club Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. followed immediately by a buffet luncheon.

Men's Swimming and Diving Wins 59th Consecutive MAC meet

Eastern Michigan University men's swimming and diving team won a dominant 14 of 16 events to help secure a 180-116 win over Mid-American Conference opponent Miami on senior day this afternoon at Jones Natatorium. The Eagles improved to 4-3 overall, and remain a perfect 3-0 in MAC competition. The win also makes it 59 consecutive MAC dual-meet victories, a streak that dates back to the 1997-98.

Inaugural Division I FAR Institute

Dr. Liz Broughton, Faculty Athletic Representative will participate in the Inaugural Division I FAR Institute. NCAA President Mark Emmert has approved a request from the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) for the creation and funding of a pilot program to establish a Division I FAR Institute. The purpose of the two and one-half day institute will be to provide instruction and training to relatively new FARs.

If Division I intercollegiate athletics intends to fulfill its mission to promote the academic and overall well-being of student-athletes and keep athletics and student-athletes thoroughly integrated into the life of our institutions, it is imperative that faculty athletics representatives (FARs) fulfill their roles successfully within their institution, within their conference and within the NCAA governance structure. Yet, FARs

new to their position often get little if any training to prepare them in the many aspects of their job. The first institute will be held May 23-25, 2011.

NCAA's Fellows Leadership Development Program

Dr. Melody Reifel-Werner has been selected to participate in the prestigious NCAA's Pathway Program, formerly known as the NCAA Fellows Leadership Development Program. Developed in 1997, the program is designed to enhance the professional skills of women and people of color who seek to become athletics directors through education, training and mentorship. Highly competitive, applicants must have at least 8 years experience as a senior-level athletic administrator.

These and future Pathway participants will benefit from more presidential involvement, which will allow them the opportunity to understand a president's priorities and expectations of an athletic director. The Pathway Program seeks to engage presidents and chancellors more in the mentoring process of program participants. Training over the 12-month program includes:

- Assessing athletics departments.
- Institutional context and alliances.
- Relationships with external stakeholders.
- Budget and fiscal development.
- Professional development and mentoring.

Former EMU Broadcaster John Fountain Honored by DSBA

John C. Fountain, a former Eastern Michigan University sports broadcaster and long-time University employee, has been named the recipient of the second Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association (DSBA) Ernie Harwell Lifetime Achievement Award.

The DSBA Ernie Harwell Lifetime Contribution Award honors an individual in the broadcasting community who has made significant contributions to the broadcasting profession in Greater Detroit and the state of Michigan. Harwell was the first recipient in December 2009.

Fountain and his wife, Marge, established the J. Clarence and Courtney S. Fountain Sportscasters Scholarship Fund at Eastern Michigan University in 1984 to provide tuition grants each semester to a student who indicates a desire to pursue a career in telecommunications and sports broadcasting. In addition, the student receives 20 hours per week on-the-job experience at radio station WEMU-FM during the fall and winter semesters.

He started the broadcasting scholarship fund when he retired as vice president at EMU, with an original gift of \$10,000. In the many years since, between gifts from his family and what he has raised from others, the fund is currently more than \$50,000. John is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the DSBA and a past president. John retired from his broadcasting duties in 2007, completing 55 years of calling play-by-play action for the University of Michigan on WAAM radio for three years and the last 44 years handling football, basketball and baseball broadcasts at EMU.

Earl Boykins

EMU will be retiring Earl Boykins jersey on February 27 during the home game at the Convo versus WMU. Game is at 2pm. A 12-year NBA veteran, Boykins graduated from EMU in 1997. He averaged 25.7 points per game his senior year, good for second in the nation. He also was named Honorable Mention All-American and First Team All-Mid-American Conference his junior and senior seasons. Boykins has also been awarded the EMU Outstanding Young Alumnus Award in 2008.

Diving Coach Buck Smith Honored With Bruce Harlan Award

Eastern Michigan University men's and women's diving coach, Buck Smith, has been selected as the recipient of the Bruce Harlan Award for 2010. The honor is the highest award given by the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) for continued leadership, contributions, and dedicated service to Michigan High School Diving. To be considered for this award, a person must have coached interscholastic diving for at least five years in Michigan with above average success, and have demonstrated leadership at the Local, State, and National levels. The dedication and hard work put forth by Coach Smith has been an inspiration to fellow colleagues within diving and MISCA. Smith, in his 11th season as the head diving coach for both the men's and women's teams at EMU, was named the Mid-American Conference Diving Coach of the Year in 2010. Smith's divers have placed in the top eight at the Mid-American Conference Championships 81 times. EMU divers have won nine MAC Championship titles, set 3 MAC records, 3 school records and a pool record that has stood for 18 years. Smith has had a diver named MAC Diver of the Year four times and as recent as 2007. He has also been named MAC Coach of the Year six times.

Athletic Affairs Committee adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Hansen
Administrative Secretary
Intercollegiate Athletics