

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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April 17, 2012

RECOMMENDATION

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

Working agenda for April 17, 2012 and February 21, 2012 minutes to be received and placed on file.

STAFF SUMMARY

- The minutes for the February 21, 2012 meeting
- Kaitlyn Vencek, president of EMU's SAAC Group
- Mid-American Updates
- 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 17, 2012

BOARD OF REGENTS

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

201 Welch Hall

1 p.m.

AGENDA

- A. Approval of the February 21, 2012, Minutes
- B. Kaitlyn Vencek, Volleyball Student-Athlete, MAC SAAC representative, President of EMU's SAAC group
- C. Mid-American Conference Updates
- D. Good News from Athletics

Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of February 21, 2012

Members:

Regents: Chair Mike Hawks, Floyd Clack and Mike Morris

Athletics: Dr. Derrick Gragg, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

The Athletic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm, by Regent Mike Hawks

Student-Athlete Academic Report

Dr. Gragg presented the following information to the Athletic Affairs committee:

EMU student-athletes posted the highest cumulative in history with a 3.162 and the highest semester GPA with a 3.147. The fall semester was the third consecutive semester our student-athletes set a new semester GPA record. In addition, out of 2,631 graded classes that our student-athletes were enrolled in during fall 2011, only 80 were failed or dropped for an outstanding 97 percent completion rate.

Highest Female FALL 2011 Team GPA: Women's Soccer (3.661)

Highest Male FALL 2011 Team GPA: Men's Golf (3.294)

Total Number of 4.0 semesters GPA's: 20

Team with Most Number of 4.0 Semester GPA's: Men's Swimming & Diving, Women's Gymnastics and Women's Soccer (3)

Number of student-athletes above a 3.0 Semester GPA: 323 (64.7%)

Total Number of Teams with a 3.0 GPA: 15 (78.9%)

Total Number of Teams with a 3.0 Cumulative GPA: 16 (84.2%)

Total Number of Teams Who Increased Their GPA from FALL 2010: 15 (78.9%)

Total Number of Teams Who Increased Their Cumulative GPA from FALL 2010: 15 (78.9%)

Fall 2011 cumulative GPA of 3.162 is the highest in our history

Fall 2011 term GPA of 3.147 is the highest in our history

Dr. Gragg thanked Erin Burdis, Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Support Services and Ann Pierson, Student-Athlete Support Services Program Specialist who will be honored at the 4 p.m. Board of Regents full meeting.

Eastern Michigan University football team achieved an all-time team record with its 2.712 team grade point average in the recently ended 2011 Fall Academic Semester. The team GPA, reflecting 101 student-athletes enrolled in classes is an all-time high for the Eagles football program. The previous best semester GPA for the squad was 2.559 in winter of 2009.

Forty-three of the players (43 percent) achieved a 3.0 or better for the term. Additionally, 41 players posted a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, as the program boasted a cumulative GPA of 2.797. In addition, six football student-athletes were named to the 2011 Academic All-MAC Team: Alex Gillett, Austin Karcher, Jay Karutz, Andy Mulumba, Marlon Pollard and Willie Williams. The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics

and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award. Notably, EMU had the most players named to the team.

Regent Mike Morris commented on how winning is just great, we can do it, thanks to the Athletic staff and Derrick for all their hard work.

Eastern Michigan University men's basketball team recorded its best academic semester in the last 15 years with a team cumulative average of 2.92 for the 2011 fall semester. Included with that outstanding GPA was the fact that eight members of the EMU men's basketball team posted a 3.0 GPA or better for the semester.

Fund-raising Update

Director for Athletics Development Nikki Borges provided an athletic fundraising update, which can be found at the Board website.

MAC/NCAA Updates

Dr. Gragg provided the group with Mid-American Conference updates.

The Mid-American Conference announced a new divisional alignment in football beginning with the 2012 season as UMass joins the conference to bring the number of football membership to 14 beginning this fall. With the addition of UMass, who will compete in the East Division, Bowling Green State University will move to the MAC West Division.

The divisional alignment was a unanimous vote by the MAC Council of Presidents, as recommended by the Council of Director of Athletics. This alignment will be for football only.

MAC East: Akron; Buffalo; Kent State; UMass; Miami; Ohio and Temple.

MAC West: Ball State; Bowling Green; Central Michigan; *Eastern Michigan*; Northern Illinois; Toledo and Western Michigan. Bowling Green was previously a member of the MAC West from 2002-04.

With this announcement comes the unveiling of Eastern Michigan's home and away MAC games for 2012. The Eagles will host Toledo, Central Michigan, Northern Illinois and Kent State. EMU will travel to Bowling Green, Western Michigan, Ball State and Temple. Temple and Kent State are the lone cross over games on the schedule.

Along with these games, Eastern Michigan boasts a non-conference schedule of Illinois State and Army at home, while Purdue and Michigan State will be road contests in 2012. This will be the second consecutive season that EMU has six (6) home games. We were 5-1 at home this past season and only seconds away from being undefeated at home. No dates or times have been announced for the 2012 schedule.

MAC Basketball Tournament Seeding

Seeding for the MAC men's and women's basketball tournaments have been changed. Teams seeded #1 and #2, shall earn preliminary and quarterfinal round byes and will advance to the semifinal round; teams seeded #3 and #4 shall receive first and second round byes and will advance to the quarterfinal round. Teams seeded 5-12 will participate in the first round games on their respective campuses. In the past the East and West Division champions were seeded first and second, regardless of record and then the remaining 10 teams were straight-seeded after that three through ten. The divisional champions will still be recognized. Currently, our men's team is leading the MAC West Division by one game. Our women's team has won seven straight games and 11 of their last 12 games.

Good News from Athletics

Women's Basketball

The Women's Basketball Team is currently ranked 1st in the MAC West Division and 2nd overall. The women's team has won their last seven games and their last 11 of 12. The team, which is 19-7 overall and 11-2 in MAC plays Toledo this evening for sole possession of 1st place in the West Division. Toledo is also 11-2 in the MAC and both teams have only 3 regular season games remaining. Additionally, our team has already clinched at least a top-four finish in the MAC and a bye through the first two rounds of the 2012 First Energy MAC Tournament. *Tavelyn James* was named the Mid-American Conference Women's Basketball West Division Player of the Week on February 20th, which marks the eighth time she has won the award in her career and the third time consecutively. James has another prolific scoring week by averaging 29.5 points per game while shooting 48.9 percent (23-of-47) from the floor. In the victory over the Broncos, Feb. 15, James poured in a game-high 30 points on 13-of-24 shooting. She then followed it up with a 29-point performance at Northern Illinois, Feb. 18, in 38 minutes of work. With her 59 total points on the week, James continues her march up the MAC record book as is now just 98 points shy of passing Ohio's Caroline Mast (1982-86) for second place all-time. Also with her four three-pointers made on the week, James ranks third in MAC-history with 283. James went on a record-breaking three-point streak to lead the Eagles to an 83-47 win over Kent State, Feb. 11. The 5-foot-7 James not only broke the school record for three-point field goals in a game with 10 triples on the afternoon, but also set a single-game record for MAC-only games and tied the MAC single-game record against all opponents. James was 10-of-20 from beyond the arc and finished the game with 40 points, the fourth time in her career she has scored 40. James already holds the single-game best with 42 points. Additionally, her scoring total gave James 2,293 career points, pushing her three points ahead of Bowling Green's Lauren Prochaska (2007-11) and into third-place on the conference's all-time scoring list. Tavelyn tied an EMU record by hitting 10 three-pointers in their win last week. James also holds the EMU freshman (426), sophomore (641) and junior (642) single-season scoring marks.

Wrestling

The wrestling team accumulated a 3-2 record during the regular season this year. The last time EMU Wrestling won 3 MAC Duals was 21 years ago in the 1990-91 season. . EMU has only had 7 seasons of 3 or more conference victories since the 1956-57 season.

Eastern Michigan University redshirt junior wrestler [Aaron Sulzer](#) was named the Mid-American Conference Male Scholar Athlete of the Week along with MAC Wrestler of the Week on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, by the league office. The Scholar Athlete award is the first in Sulzer's career and marks the first such award for an EMU wrestler since **Chris Jenkins** earned the honor during the 2009-10 campaign. Sulzer also becomes the first EMU grappler to earn Wrestler of the Week Honors this season. Sulzer, an accounting major with a 3.54 GPA, turned in an undefeated 4-0 mark at the Pitt Duals, Jan. 7, winning a trio of bouts by decision and one by major decision. Sulzer is now 14-4 on the season including a 9-1 mark in dual competition which is tied for the team lead. His marquee win of the season was a 3-2 triumph over nationally ranked David Cheza of Michigan State University, Nov. 18.

Men's Swimming

Eastern Michigan University men's swimming and diving program captured its 60th consecutive Mid-American Conference dual meet victory when it defeated Miami, 176.5-123.5, this afternoon in Oxford, Ohio.

[Michael Kinross](#) of the Eastern Michigan University men's swimming and diving team was named the Mid-American Conference Swimmer of the Week announced the league on February 8. The award is a first for the junior. The Crystal Lake Ill. native contributed to three first place finishes this past Saturday, Feb. 4 in the Eagles' 176.5-123.5 victory over Miami to help EMU to its 60th consecutive Mid-American Conference dual meet wins. Kinross, a 3.47 secondary education major, swept the butterfly events thanks to personal season best time in each. He completed the 100 fly in 50.96 and claimed first in the 200 fly with a time of 1:52.62. He also contributed in the Eagles first place 200 medley relay win that combined for a 1:33.44 finish—the second fastest time for the Green and White this season.

Women's Track

The Mid-American Conference office announced that [Shantavia Williams](#) was named the conference's Women's Track Athlete of the Week, as voted on by the Coaches Committee, for her performance at the Meyo Invitational.

The senior was able to record another top-five finish, completing the 400-meter dash with a 54.10 finish, good for second place at the Meyo Invite. The Homestead, Fla. native was also a member of the distance medley relay team which set a new EMU record in South Bend. Along with [Beverly Elcock](#), Victoria Voronko and [Morgan Churchwell](#), Williams and her team completed the DMR in 11:30.21, over three seconds faster than the previous record set in 2011. Williams was also a member of the 4x400-meter team that took second at the Meyo Invitational. The 4x400 team consisted of Williams, Elcock, [Asia Rawls](#) and [ReJeana Margina](#), and finished in 3:42.69.

Women Swimming

[Briana Emig](#) of the Eastern Michigan University women's swimming and diving team was named the Mid-American Conference Female Scholar Athlete of the Week announced the league office today, Jan. 18. The weekly award is the second for Emig this season.

A 3.92 Psychology and Communications major, Emig clinched a pair of first place finishes in the Eagles' win over Xavier this past Friday, Jan. 13. Briana was the first EMU swimmer to

complete the 1,650 Freestyle in second place with her time of 16:58.82, the fifth fastest time for that particular event in program history. Emig would also finish runner up in the 500 Free, completing the distance in 4:58.91. Her time in the 500 is the ninth-best in EMU record books. Emig has qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 400 and 800-meter freestyle. The trials will be held in Omaha, Nebraska in June.

The MAC Women's Swimming Championship will be held this weekend at the University of Akron.

MAC Indoor Track Championship

The annual MAC Indoor Track championships will be held this weekend, February 24th and 25th in Akron.

Athletic Affairs Committee adjourned at 1:24pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Kaitlyn Vincek
EMU SAAC President

April 17, 2012

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Kaitlyn Vincek



- Senior Outside Hitter
- 5th Year this fall
- Major: Sport Management
- Minor: Gen. Business
- EMU SAAC President
- Mid-American Conference SAAC President.
- Division I National SAAC Representative for the MAC.



Eastern Michigan SAAC

- Team Representation (4th Year)
- 2nd Year as Co-President
- JOCK JAMZ
 - Big Brothers Big Sisters
 - SOS Community House
- Freshmen Orientation
- Legislation



Mid-American Conference

- SAAC President
- Currently leading and organizing a leadership symposium.
 - Selected Reps from each school
 - 2 days in Cleveland with speakers, presentations from myself and others in the office.
- Legislative committee formed



Division I National Rep

- Legislation
- Academic Cabinet
- Administration Cabinet
- Service Team leader
- Samaritan's Feet Partnership
- Administrative team member
- Convention



Go Eagles!





**MID-AMERICAN
CONFERENCE**

2012 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

- Thursday, Aug. 30.....at Ball State**
- Saturday, Sept. 8ILLINOIS STATE**
- Saturday, Sept. 15at Purdue**
- Saturday, Sept. 22at Michigan State**
- Saturday, Sept. 29OPEN**
- Saturday, Oct. 6.....KENT STATE**
- Saturday, Oct. 13.....TOLEDO**
- Saturday, Oct. 20.....ARMY**
- Saturday, Oct. 27.....at BGSU**
- Thursday, Nov. 1at Ohio, 6 pm ET (ESPNU)**
- Saturday, Nov. 10.....CMU**
- Saturday, Nov. 17at WMU**
- Friday, Nov. 23NIU, TBD (ESPNU/ESPN3*)**

**ESPN Multiple-Game Selection Date*