

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 12

DATE:

June 10, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Board of Regents receive and place on file the working Agenda for the June 10, 2021 meeting and the December 10, 2020 Minutes.

STAFF SUMMARY

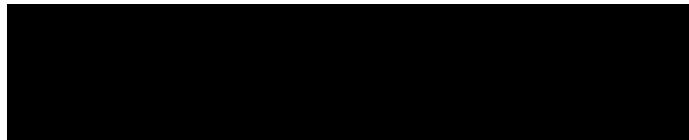
- Spring 2021 Update
- Development Updates-Dan McLean
- Spring 2021 Academic Update
- External Relations-Andy Rowdon
- Department Highlight- Lacrosse

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

To be determined

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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



University Executive Officer

5/20/2021

Date

**BOARD OF REGENTS
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**June 10, 2021
201 Welch Hall**

AGENDA

- A. Spring 2021 Update**
 - a. Winter Sports**
 - b. Spring Sports**
 - c. New Basketball Coach**

- B. Development Updates-Dan McLean**

- C. Spring 2021 Academic Update**
 - a. Swimming Locker Room**
 - b. GameAbove Golf Performance Center**
 - c. Ring of Honor & Bowl Logo Updates**
 - d. Soccer/Lacrosse Turf Project**

- D. External Relations-Andy Rowdon**
 - a. Washtenaw Health Department Partnership**
 - b. Football & Basketball Season Ticket Update**
 - c. Fall Planning**

- E. Department Highlight- Lacrosse**

**Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of December 10, 2020**

Members:

Regents: Michael Hawks, Rich Baird, Dennis Beagen, Mary Treder Lang, Michelle Crumm, James Webb, Eunice Jeffries, Alexander Simpson

Athletics: Scott Wetherbee, Athletics Director/Vice President

The Athletic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 10:03a.m.

Fall-Winter Sports Update:

Director of Athletics Scott Wetherbee gave an update to the moving of some fall sports seasons to the spring and discussed the shortening of most sports season. The football team was able to play a six game MAC schedule and Men's and Women's Cross Country were able to have a regular-season meet and then the MAC Championships. The Men's Cross Country Team won the MAC Championship for the 14th time in sixteen years and Head Coach Sue Parks was named MAC Men's Cross Country Coach of the year. This was Eastern Michigan's 151st MAC Championship, more than any other MAC school. Soccer and Volleyball have been moved to the Spring. Men's and Women's Basketball will each have 25 games. Both Gymnastics and Indoor Track will begin in January. Swimming and Diving will go until mid January.

Development Updates:

Fundraising pretty much stopped this past March as we all dealt with financial uncertainty. Though, during this time we worked on strengthening current donor relationships through a virtual format. Eagles Will Fly Campaign developed this past fall to allow prospective donors to give to overall Student-Athlete well being or any varsity sport of their choice. As of Tuesday 208 donors from 36 different states had contributed \$41,490. Giving TrueDay was December 1, 2020 and The Champions Advisory Board made a \$100,000 commitment and challenged all our former Student-Athletes, fans and donors to step up this year.

Facility Update:

The Swimming and Diving Team moved into their new locker room in late October. The locker room has not been changed since 1982 and it was only 240 square feet. Now, there are 40 large lockers, a lounge area and a separate entrance for team members only. The University has hired an architect firm to design the new GameAbove Golf Performance Center which was approved last year and will be built at the Eagle Crest Golf Course. Rynearson Stadium had a few upgrades this past summer the concrete was repainted grey and green to match the Student-Athlete Performance Center, the Ring of Honor and bowl logos were replaced and the MAC logo and the 1987 MAC Championship commemoration were added. The Athletics staff is continuing to work on a number of smaller facility projects, including the soccer/lacrosse turf project that was delayed due to the pandemic.

Academic Update:

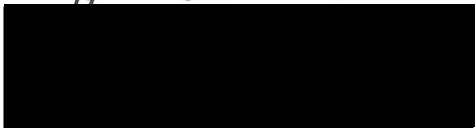
Student-Athletes continue to excel in the classroom. Last month, the NCAA announced that our graduation success rate has hit an all-time high, at 87%, which is 2% higher than our previous all-time high of 85% in 2017-18.

Department Highlight-Sports Medicine “COVID Testing”:

There has been a lot of collaboration with campus and the Student-Athletes have done a great job of following guidelines and protocols established by the State, NCAA, MAC, University and our local health officials. Some of the responses to COVID are baseline testing for our Student-Athletes and Staff, enhance protocols, such as disinfecting and maintaining physical distance during activities, pods and small groups, daily symptom monitoring, contact tracing training, safe team travel guidelines and ongoing COVID testing. Athletics is using three COVID testing providers; Quest Diagnostics for football during the season, Helix Diagnostics for all other sports and football surveillance and in season testing and IHA at Eastern Michigan University. Scott Wetherbee was very appreciative to Gretchen Buskirk and her Sports Medicine Staff for all the hard work they have put in to make our testing go so smoothly.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Barron
Administrative Secretary



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents Meeting *Athletic Affairs*

June 10, 2021

Winter Sports Recap

- Men's & Women's Basketball
- Gymnastics
- Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field
- Women's Swimming and Diving
- Soccer
- Volleyball

Spring Sports Recap

- Baseball
- Men's & Women's Golf
- Rowing
- Women's Tennis
- Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Development Update

- Fundraising Report – FY 21 – Commitments
- Fundraising Report – FY 21 Cash and Gifts-In-Kind Received
- Championship Building Plan – Fundraising Update
- Baseball / Football Golf Outing Recap
- FY 21 – Looking Ahead

Academic Update

- Winter 2021 Cumulative GPA: 3.369
- Winter 2021 Term GPA: 3.195
- Highest Male Team Semester GPA: Cross Country (3.494)
- Highest Female Team Semester GPA: Gymnastics (3.754)
- Total Number of 4.0 Semester GPA's: 58
- Team with Most Number of 4.0 Semester GPA's: Rowing (8)

Academic Update

- Number of student-athletes above a 3.0 Cumulative GPA: 336 (76%)
- Number of student-athletes above a 3.0 Semester GPA: 310 (70%)
- Total Number of Teams with a 3.0 Cumulative GPA: 14 (88%)
- Total Number of Teams with a 3.0 GPA: 12 (75%)

External Affairs Update

- Washtenaw Health Department Partnership
- Football & Basketball Season Ticket Update
- Fall Planning

Department Highlight Lacrosse



Alicia Groveston-Jackson (Head Coach)