

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 12
DATE: JUNE 20, 2024

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 20, 2024 meeting and April 18, 2024 minutes.

STAFF SUMMARY

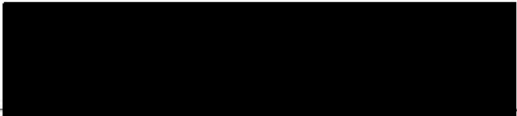
- Spring 2024 Update
- Development Updates-Dan McLean
- Spring 2024 Academic Update

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

To be determined

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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



University Executive Officer

5/29/2024

Date

BOARD OF REGENTS
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
June 20, 2024
201 Welch Hall

AGENDA

- A. Spring 2024 Update
 - a. Spring Sports
 - b. New Coaching Hires

- B. Development Updates-Dan McLean

- C. Spring 2024 Academic Update

Eastern Michigan University
Board of Regents
ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Minutes of April 18, 2024

Members:

Regents: Nathan Ford, Dr. Jessie Kimbrough Marshall, Michael Hawks

Athletics: Scott Wetherbee, Athletics Director/Vice President

The Athletic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Eastern Athletics 101:

Michael Hawks is back as the Athletic Affairs Chair. Scott Wetherbee has been here for seven years in July. With so many new faces, we thought it would be nice to have an Eastern Athletics 101 session. The Vision of the EMU Athletics Department is *an unwavering commitment to building champions in the classroom, in the community, and in competition*. Eastern Michigan Athletics is committed to: The welfare & academic success of our Student-Athletes, Following the rules of the University, MAC, CAA, and NCAA Providing a great fan and Student-Athlete experience, Promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within our department, and Competing for Championships. The defining principles for EMU Athletics is Focus on the Student-Athlete, possess great integrity and aggressively promote Eastern Michigan.

There are 12 Universities currently in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) with University of Massachusetts being added in 2025-26 for a total of 13. Within Eastern Michigan University there are 19 sports, 500 Student-Athletes, 14 Head Coaches, 36 Assistant Coaches, 60 plus Full-time staff members and 18 Graduate Assistants.

The Graduation success rate is at 89%. The highest it has ever been. The current cumulative GPA is 3.404. The number of Student-Athletes above a 3.0 cumulative GPA is 354 (78%). Every team had over a 3.00 GPA. More than 6,000 plus community service hours were reported this fiscal year.

Winter Sports Recap:

A recap of the winter sports season was provided, highlighted by the Women's Indoor Track and Field team capturing the MAC title and the Men's team finishing second at MAC Indoor Track and Field Championships, which were hosted in Bowen Field House. Sue Parks was named the Women's Coach of the Year, while freshman Paige Marchant claimed three individual event titles and was named the Women's Most Outstanding Track Performer. This was EMU 158th MAC Championship, the most in the MAC and counting. Unfortunately, the Men's Basketball team did not make the MAC Tournament in Cleveland. The Women's Basketball team had a change mid-season and had an interim coach for the remaining of the season. The Women's Gymnastics team finished 5th in the MAC. Swimming and Diving finished 6th at the MAC Championship. Looking forward to successful seasons next year for these teams.

Spring Sports Update

Baseball has a new Head Coach, Robbie Britt. They are currently in 4th place with a big series this weekend. Top 6 make the MAC Tournament, something we haven't done since 2018. The MAC Golf Tournament is this weekend for the Women's Team and next weekend for the Men's Team. Lacrosse is sitting 3 and 1 and 2nd place in the MAC. They are just in their 2nd season. They are a young team made up mostly of Freshman and Sophomores. Rowing has the George Mason Event this weekend in Virginia. We are unveiling the new rowing course on Ford Lake next Friday at a ribbon cutting and then have our first race on Saturday morning, April 27. Under first year coach Ryan Kucera the Tennis team sits in 2nd place in the West Division and has already won more conference games since 2010 and they still have two more to go. They are 10-0 at home and just beat undefeated Toledo 4-3 this past weekend, breaking their 18 match streak dating back 3 years. Track & Field has had a good start to the outdoor season.

Facilities Update:

Clifford Sims, Associate Athletic Director for Facilities and Operations joined the Athletic Department in October, 2021 and there have been so many facility changes since his arrival. The George Gervin statue was added to the outside of the George Gervin GameAbove Center along with making the outdoor plaza more inviting for guests. In January 2024, the Golf Performance Center opened. There is a small practice area, putting and chipping areas and two Trackman simulators. The new Gymnastics Locker Room was just a small storage space before, now there is an academic space, lounge area, kitchen, and 25 new lockers. We are looking at putting a small indoor batting area over at Warner. The Track has been updated at Bowen Fieldhouse and new turf has been added at the Indoor Practice Facility. At the Gervin GameAbove Center the Suites have been updated. Also, we have added a video room and Student-Athlete lounge. These areas can be used by multiple sports. The Rynearson Stadium Project is underway with the resurfacing of the field and removal of the track. The new field will now be called Maxx Crosby Field and should be completed by May 31. The new track will be located out by the REC/IM fields and should be completed mid to late fall. We will be able to have outdoor meets, rentals and even practices for Concordia University and Lincoln High School. The Rowing Course has been updated and the ribbon ceremony is being held next Friday.

Further down the line we are looking at getting new turf and an indoor batting cage at Oestrike Stadium. We will be getting new signage and Ring of Honor around the concourse of the George Gervin GameAbove Center. We will be adding lights out at the Soccer and Lacrosse field. We will also be replacing the current bubble with an updated version. The new bubble will have a double layer of fabric, updated LED lighting and a bigger storage area. Eventually, we would like to add a second bubble.

Sahar Nusseibeh-New Head Women's Basketball Coach:

Sahar Nusseibeh was hired on April 1, 2024. Sahar comes from Canisius College and has spent five years in the Mid-American Conference as well. She believes in champions and empowering women. She stated "The culture is the environment, it's the energy, it's seen, it's heard and it's felt." There are six words that describe Eastern Michigan Women's Basketball: "Feet In. Arms Out. Eyes Up." Feet In means commitment, you're all in and fully present. Arms Out means seeking to serve and helping others. Eyes Up is all about respect and seeking to connect.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Barron
Administrative Secretary



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents Meeting *Athletic Affairs*

June 20, 2024

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 24 – Commitments
- Fundraising Report – FY 24 Cash and Gifts-In-Kind Received
- FY 24 – Looking Ahead

Academic Update

- Winter 2024 Cumulative GPA: 3.430
- Winter 2024 Term GPA: 3.399
- Highest Male Team Semester GPA: Golf (3.631)
- Highest Female Team Semester GPA: Swim & Dive (3.780)
- Total Number of 4.0 Semester GPA's: 82
- Team with Most Number of 4.0 Semester GPA's: Swim & Dive, Lacrosse (15)

Academic Update

- Number of student-athletes above a 3.0 Cumulative GPA: 396 (81%)
- Number of student-athletes above a 3.0 Semester GPA: 377 (78%)
- Total Number of Teams with a 3.0 Cumulative GPA: 18 (95%)
- Total Number of Teams with a 3.0 GPA: 19 (100%)

