

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Board on Athletics**  
**November 14, 2022**  
**500 Main Building—12:30pm-2:00pm**

**Members Present:** Patricia Bellia (Chair), Alex Blachly, Darren Davis, Ann Firth, Chad Grotegut (*on behalf of Patrick Holmes*), Jeff Kantor, Randy Kozel, Mary Ann McDowell, Cara Ocobock, Rev. Gerard Olinger, Kevin Vaughan

**Members Excused:** Corey Angst, Malcolm Chaka, Tracy Kijewski-Correa, Jack Swarbrick

**Athletics Liaisons:** Missy Conboy, Jess Kerr, Heidi Uebelhor

**1. Opening Prayer**

Professor Patricia Bellia called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm and offered the opening prayer.

**2. Introduction of New Head Swimming Coach**

Professor Bellia invited recently hired head coach Chris Lindauer (*Peterson Family Head Swimming Coach*) to introduce himself to the Board and to share his thoughts and answer questions from the Board about his recent transition into the new role and his coaching philosophy.

**3. Softball – Spring 2023 Class Miss Request**

Professor Bellia asked the Board to discuss the Spring 2023 competition schedule submitted by the softball team, which was included as a supplement to the meeting agenda. The proposed schedule reflects 6 M/W/F and 3 T/Th aggregate regular season class miss days and an away competition late in the day on Good Friday. The Board reviewed the team's written request and invited head coach Deanna Gumpf to share her thoughts and answer questions from the Board, including inquiries related to conference scheduling requirements and the team's historical ability to manage academic performance effectively in the face of similar scheduling challenges. Professor McDowell moved to call the request to a vote and Professor Vaughan seconded the motion. All present and voting members voted to approve the request.

**4. Minutes of Meeting of October 26, 2022**

With no changes, Professor Mary Ann McDowell moved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 26, 2022. Professor Randy Kozel seconded the motion. All present and voting members voted to approve.

## **5. Athletics Compliance Annual Report**

Professor Bellia invited Ms. Heidi Uebelhor to present the 2021-22 Athletics Compliance Annual Report, which was included as a supplement to the meeting agenda. Ms. Uebelhor opened with an overview of demographic and financial aid information, noting the continuing impact of the pandemic and resulting short-term increase in overall participation numbers and corresponding overall financial aid provided. Ms. Uebelhor went on to share more details, and respond to member inquiries, around several areas of particular relevance to the Board including, among others:

- Title IX regulations and related department objectives and considerations;
- NCAA transfer rule changes and student-athlete impact;
- Student Assistance Fund aid availability;
- Taxation of athletic-related aid provided to international students;
- The pace of NCAA legislative deregulation and change;
- Increasing complexity in sport-specific NCAA rules; and
- NCAA violation reporting trends.

## **6. Chair's Announcements**

*Schedule Approvals.* Professor Bellia informed the Board that she had approved post-season schedules for women's soccer and cross country on its behalf. She also mentioned the desire to have the subcommittee look more closely at whether and how the Board reviews and supports class miss requests related to individual student-athletes competing in elite-level events that occur outside the scope of team travel and competition.

*Upcoming Board Meetings.* Professor Bellia announced that, because of schedule constraints leading up to campus closure, there would not be a December Board meeting but that meetings would resume in the new year.

## **7. Adjournment**

Professor Bellia adjourned the meeting at 2:01 pm.