

Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Board on Athletics
May 11, 2023
500 Main Building 2:00pm-3:30pm

Members Present: Corey Angst, Patricia Bellia (Chair), Alex Blachly, Malcolm Chaka, Brian Coughlin (*on behalf of Rev. Gerry Olinger, C.S.C.*), Darren Davis, Patrick Holmes, Jeff Kantor, Randy Kozel, Mary Ann McDowell, Cara Ocobock, Jack Swarbrick, Kevin Vaughan

Members Excused: Ann Firth, Tracy Kijewski-Correa

Athletics Liaisons: Missy Conboy (SWA), Heidi Uebelhor (NCAA Compliance), Jen Vining-Smith (GLD Center)

Guests: Megan DePrimio-Faust (Department of Athletics), Jess Kerr (recorder), Micah Shrewsberry (Glenn & Stacey Murphy Head Coach, Men's Basketball)

1. Opening Prayer

Professor Patricia Bellia called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm and Professor Corey Angst offered the opening prayer.

2. Introduction of New Men's Basketball Head Coach

Professor Bellia asked Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick to introduce recently hired Glenn & Stacey Murphy Head Coach, Micah Shrewsberry, and to share with Board members some of details surrounding the candidate evaluation and selection process. Mr. Swarbrick then asked Coach Shrewsberry to share his thoughts and answer questions from the Board about his recent transition into the new role and his coaching philosophy. At the Board's request, Coach Shrewsberry also shared his insights around some of the existing challenges related to recruiting transfer student-athletes to the University.

3. Minutes of Meeting of April 26, 2023

With no changes, Professor Jeff Kantor moved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 26, 2023. Professor Mary Ann McDowell seconded the motion. All present and voting members voted to approve.

4. Chair's Announcements

Professor Bellia informed the Board of the following schedule requests that she had approved on its behalf:

Spring Sports, Traditional Segment Schedule Approvals

- Softball: Revision due to weather-related home event time change

Spring Sports, Post-Season Competition Schedule Approvals

- Women's Golf: NCAA Championships
- Women's Tennis: NCAA Championships

5. Academic Progress Rate Report

Professor Bellia invited Mr. Pat Holmes, Rees and Carol LaBar Director of Academic Services for Student-Athletes (ASSA), to share the annual Academic Progress Rate (APR) Report, which is designed to measure and describe, in real time, institutional eligibility and retention success. A copy of the report was distributed to meeting participants. Mr. Holmes responded to questions from the Board and explained that the University continues to outperform nearly all its NCAA peer institutions, and there is reason to believe performance data will only improve going forward.

6. Summer Delegation

Board members formally delegated to Professor Bellia the authority to act on their behalf with respect to routine Board activities that occur during the summer months, with a report on such actions to follow in the fall.

7. Reports of Ex Officio Members

Professor Bellia invited Mr. Swarbrick to update the Board on recent industry activities. He shared his thoughts about the current legislative landscape, and more specifically as it relates to NIL, student-athlete employment status, and the varying perspectives and levels of urgency demonstrated by different NCAA member schools and conferences.

8. Other Updates

Professor Bellia updated the Board about a website initiative being led by Professor Ocobock which is designed to provide faculty with increased access to tools and information that can facilitate support for student-athletes and other students who are attempting to balance time and resource demands in areas beyond the classroom. Professor Bellia also asked Board members to consider how the Board can continue to identify and explore ways to more intentionally solicit and incorporate student-athlete perspective into Board initiatives.

9. Adjournment

Professor Bellia adjourned the meeting at 3:19 pm, following recognition of the four Board members who have completed their applicable service terms.