Athletic Board
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Holmes Student Center Room #505, 1:00p.m.

Present:  Terry Bishop (Chair), David Changnon, Todd Latham, Don Tidrick, Matt Streb, Jeff Compher, Earl Hansen, Gretchen Schlabach, Steve Sliga, Peggy Simonds, Rocco Taglia, Kristin Hoffman

Guests:  Carl Armato, Assoc AD/Facilities; Shelley Binegar, Assoc AD/Development and Marketing; Debra Boughton, Assoc AD/Business Affairs; Christian Spears, Sr. Assoc AD/Administration

I.  Call to Order – T. Bishop (1:02pm)

II.  Approval of February 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes

E. Hansen made a motion to approve the February 15, 2012, meeting minutes as presented. T. Latham seconded the motion.

Corrections were submitted and following, motion was carried.

III.  Faculty Athletics Representative – Matt Streb

M. Streb has been informed that Kristin Hoffman has received an NCAA post-graduate scholarship. She is one of 17 women in Division I athletics to receive this award. K. Hoffman said she will be applying to go to law school at Valparaiso University.

III.  Committees

A.  Equity/Diversity – D. Tidrick
   No report.

B.  Budget – P. Bauer
   No report.

C.  Student-Athlete Wellbeing – D. Changnon
   No report.

D.  External Relations – T. Latham
   No report.
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**IV. New Business**

**A. Calendar Items**

1. **National Student-Athlete Day** – Friday, April 6, 2012
   
   C. Spears pointed out that this event has been moved to Monday, April 10, because Friday, April 6, is Good Friday. The event will take place during the Softball game vs DePaul. Athletics will be having a BBQ for the student-athletes to thank them for their service to the University and the teams will be introduced between innings. Institutions do different things to acknowledge this day and our SAAC group thought last year’s event was so successful, we want to make sure to have a large turnout again this year.

2. **The Victors** – Thursday, May 3, 2012 – 7pm
   
   This is the third annual student-athlete awards show. It will be held this year at The Egyptian Theater. This group is cordially invited to attend and you are welcome to bring your families and friends since there is seating on the main floor for 830 people. It is a very fun event.

3. **Chessick Practice Center Groundbreaking** – April 21, 2012
   
   The ceremony will begin at 11am and will conclude with a ceremonial groundbreaking. This date is also Spring Fest and the spring Football game. It is an important day for Athletics because all of the major donors to the CPC will be present and it allows Athletics to honor them and also get the project moving.
   
   S. Binegar then gave an overview of the day's details.
   
   - Tugs will be taking place from 9am to 6pm with the finals taking place after the spring Football game.
   - Groundbreaking at 11am
   - Tailgate Showdown begins at 11:30am and concludes at 1:30pm
   - Women’s Tennis has a match at 1pm
   - Baseball has a game at 1pm
   - Men's Soccer also has a match at 1pm
   - Spring Game begins at 1:30pm
   
   The Tailgate Showdown is $15/person but it is a fundraiser for HASF. It is similar to a “Taste of DeKalb” and you can sample food from many restaurants in the community.

4. **Upcoming MAC Championships / Volunteers**
   
   a. **Gymnastics** – Saturday, March 24, 2012 – 2pm – Convo
   
   Athletics wants to make it possible for you and a guest to attend that event so complimentary tickets are available for you, as a member o
the Athletic Board. Would love for you to see that event. Coach Morreale has drawn a traditional rotation which means that the Huskies will finish on their strongest event. Contact J. Mickey if you would like tickets.

b. Women's Tennis – Thursday-Sunday, April 26-29 – Tennis Courts

c. Men's Golf – Friday-Sunday, May 4-6 – Rich Harvest Farms

J. Compher stated that there are lots of things going on this spring and he told the Athletics staff today that it is important to keep our expectations high for championships. There are three legitimate chances to win in several sports and we need to be prepared for those opportunities. T. Bishop said, as it relates to golf, he has been asked to volunteer but wonders if everything is covered. S. Binegar said Rich Harvest Farms will have a professional caddie with each group. This event is open to spectators so if you have a chance to go out there and watch, we would encourage you to do so. Park at the Plantation House.

B. Student Survey – Shelley Binegar

Part of Vision 2020 was to increase the satisfaction levels of the students attending athletics events. The IRB has approved the survey and it should be going out to all students soon. The survey covers everything from parking at events, how long they stayed at the events, concessions, etc. We need to get a baseline of how happy they are with things in the various areas. When Athletics receives the results, the survey will be changed a bit and then sent out to our season ticket holders.

V. Announcements/Adjournment

A. Situation with Jamal Bass

J. Compher reported that the situation has been well-documented in the paper. We, both as a University and as an Athletics Department, will do as much as we can to help in the situation. We will be active in pursuing his defense and helping him within the appropriate parameters established by NIU and the state. Please be patient as we move forward in this as Athletics doesn't know the timeline for the process.

E. Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Tidrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 1:24pm.
The next meeting of the Athletic Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in Holmes Student Center room #505 at 1:00pm. The executive committee will meet on Wednesday, April 14, 2012, at 1:30pm in the Athletics Administration conference room in the Convocation Center room #200.