

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 31, 2018

TO: Executive Secretary, University Council

FROM: Mark Groza  
Chair, Athletic Board (FY 2018)

RE: 2017 – 2018 (AY) Annual Report of the Athletic Board

The Athletic Board held four meetings during the 2017 – 2018 academic year (September 13, 2017; November 1, 2017; February 14, 2018; April 18, 2018). The minutes of these meetings have been forwarded to your office and have been posted to the University Council website (with the expectation of the April 18 meeting; the minutes of this meeting will be approved in September, 2018). In addition to these meetings, Athletic Board liaisons met regularly throughout the year with the four athletic department working groups (Diversity and Integration; External Affairs; Finance and Facilities; Student and Staff Services). Following is a summary of the activities of the Athletic Board during FY 2018:

1. The board received regular updates from the Associate Vice-President/Director of Athletics on the activities and accomplishments of the athletic department. These updates included information regarding the in-class and on-field success of our Student-Athletes. Also provided were regular updates regarding the budgetary process and fundraising activities of the department. Additionally, the Associate Vice-President/Director of Athletics was available for questions from the Board throughout the year.
2. The board received regular updates from the FAR regarding a number of topics. He provided detail as to the role of the Athletic Board and its members in the shared governance process at Northern Illinois University. Likewise, the board was provided detail as to its role as an advisory and oversight body. The FAR discussed proposed NCAA legislation and other national issues affecting intercollegiate athletics. Finally, the FAR reported on issues that were discussed at the winter MAC meetings and the Faculty Athletics Representative Annual Conference (FARA).
3. The Senior Associate Athletics Director/Director of Student-Athlete Academic Support Services provided an overview of the functions of the SAASS office (Student-Athlete Academic Support Services). Regular updates as to the academic performance of our Student-Athletes were also provided.

4. The Senior Associate Athletics Director/Compliance and Administration provided an overview of the department's Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR) performance.
5. The Chief of Staff/Senior Associate Athletics Director/Finance and Operations/ Senior Woman Administrator provided the Board with an overview of NCAA Title IX policies and NIU's compliance with the law.
6. The Director of Compliance provided the Board with a review of the activities of the Compliance office. Among other topics, an overview of compliance educational efforts and compliance infractions over the course of the year were presented.
7. The Board heard from a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) about the group's initiatives for the year.
8. The Board was provided detail of the Department's revenues and expenses for the fiscal year.
9. The Board was provided a financial report for NIU's participation in the 2017 Quick Lane Bowl.
10. Ticket price and complementary ticket policies were presented to the Board and input provided.
11. The Board provided feedback on the Athletic Department's proposed policy on amorous relationships (i.e., consensual romantic and/or sexual relationships).
12. The new Senior Associate Athletics Director/ Development & Revenue Generation (TJ Feuerbach) was introduced to the Board.
13. Regular updates of the 2015-2018 strategic plan were presented to the Board.
14. An overview of the strategic planning process for the 2018-2021 time period was introduced to the Board.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any clarification or additional details regarding the Athletic Board's activities during the 2017-2018 academic year.

CC: Dr. Lisa Freeman, University President  
Mr. Sean T. Frazier, Associate Vice-President/Director of Athletics