

# **President's Athletic Advisory Committee**

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Sutton Hall, Room 202**



## **MINUTES**

### **Welcome and Remarks – Dr. Joshua Castle, Chair**

Update from the Athletic Gender Equity Committee: The AGECE looked at a request to add wrestling as a varsity sport. The Committee determined that it was not supportive of the request due to:

- a. Gender Equity – Adding wrestling would be counterproductive to meeting our goal of being gender equitable.
- b. Finances – It was discussed that budgets for current sport programs are tight, and that adding another sport would only cause further hardship to the budget situation.
- c. Facilities – It was discussed that current athletic teams are continually practicing at odd times in order to adequately share the current facility space, and that the addition of wrestling could cause additional scheduling hardships, as the mats they utilize cause storage issues and would amplify current facility scheduling struggles.
- d. Wrestling was not supported in the annual Survey of Athletic Interest.

The committee also discussed the lawsuit regarding equal pay for coaches at Edinboro.

### **Remarks from Dr. Michael Driscoll**

Stated he was looking forward to his first meeting on DII President's Council

### **Report from University Advancement – Khatmeh Osseiran-Hanna and Wally Stapleton**

- Discussed the progress of the Comprehensive Campaign which is now in the public phase. The new university goal is \$75 million dollars across the university.
- Athletic Advancement Council Activity-highlighted what was being done and what the targeted areas are for athletics development.

### **Enrollment Management Initiatives – Patti McCarthy**

- Presented to the committee the progress and plan for the Task Force on Undergraduate Retention and Persistence.

### **Report from Athletic Administration – Steve Roach**

- Postseason Playoff Planning Efforts: Updated the committee on how the Post-Season Action Plan was implemented for the Women's Basketball. It appeared to have been a success and very efficiently implemented.
- Team and Student-Athlete Success: Highlighted the success of the Women's Basketball team and the fact that we have had 6 out of 16 champion scholars at the conference level.
  - Informed the committee that the new date for the community celebration of Athletic success is scheduled for April 19, 2018.
  - Dixon Cup: IUP is currently ranked third in the Conference and in the Top 25 for the Director's Cup.

- Mental Health Screening Protocol –Rob Baron, Athletic Trainer, reviewed the new PSAC Best Practice protocols for screening Student Athletes, which will be mandated by the conference starting in the fall of 2018.
- Conference Membership Changes: Cheyney will be dropping out of the PSAC conference starting in the fall of 2018. Mr. Roach discussed the scheduling ramifications for IUP.

**Report from Faculty Athletics' Representative – Jim Racchini**

Provided a report to the committee regarding the conference FAR meeting held in Lock Haven on March 24 & 25. The theme for the conference centered around inclusiveness and sexual violence prevention.

Also discussed that the FAR are in support of the conference looking at going to divisional play which would cut down on cross state travel for athletic contests.

**Report from Student Athletic Advisory Committee – Katherine Miller**

Provided the committee with a report that discussed fall 2018 outreach efforts. SAAC is also looking to do more activities that cross team lines to improve inclusiveness among the athletes. Such activities include and possibility of a cook-out.