

Intercollegiate Athletics Board (IAB)

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016

Present: Terry Kane, Pat Elliott, Dave Egan, Michael Lewis, Joann Fiori-Conte, David Werner, Merrit Hartblay, Shelley Dionne, Lina Begdache, Matt McConn, Matt Lewis, Kevin Darrell, Don Paukett, Cole Carpenter, Nick Liegi, Cindy Shi.

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Each member of the board made introductions. Mr. Kane asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The meeting minutes from April 2016 were approved.

Reports

Mr. Kane asked Dave Eagan to provide a report on spring 2016 academics in the athletics department. Dave Eagan presented his report. Student athletes have an overall GPA of 3.23 compared to the full student body of 3.22. Men's baseball was an area identified where improvement was desired. There was only one student athlete out of approximately 450 at risk academically.

Mr. Kane asked AD Elliott to provide his AD report. Women's softball was American East season champions and hosted the America East tournament. Men's baseball was American East tournament champions and traveled to Texas for the first round of the NCAA tournament. Jesse Garner was named an honor roll All-American and participated in the Olympic trials wearing a Binghamton University jersey. Binghamton University came in third in the American East Commissioner's Cup and second in the American East Academic Cup. Women's soccer doubled their wins from the previous season and Women's Volleyball is in the American East tournament.

Capital Projects

One million dollars was donated to athletics by Dr. Bai Lee. The money will be used for sports medicine, sports wellness, and academic services. The basketball court was named after Dr. Lee.

Each athletic team participated in a fundraiser called Athletic Alumni Giving. There were 700 donors, 320 were first time donors, raising \$95,000. Men's Lacrosse won recognition for being the most successful.

An anonymous donor provided \$2.2 million for a new baseball surface and lights enabling evening play.

An LED scoreboard was installed in the Events Center improving the game experience for fans, coaches and players.

The athletics department built a television studio and signed an 11 year deal with ESPN to televise basketball games on ESPN3. There are 20 Binghamton University students working as ESPN Associates.

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Financial

Mr. Kane asked AD Elliott to provide a report on student fees and athletics finances. AD Elliot reported that the athletics department works from a budget of approximately \$15 million. The State of New York currently provides approximately \$4 million with the remainder being made up with commission revenues, fund raising, and student fees. AD Elliott reported that he would be asking for board approval to raise athletic fees in the spring.

Mr. Kane reported that there was an increase in student athletic fees in the spring of 2016. It was the board's desire to recognize that that increase would not cover all structural deficits. At the time, the board recognized the welfare of the student athletes while balancing student fees as a source of revenue for the athletics department.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.