

Minutes of the BOAC Meeting, April 5, 2007

Members Present: Mazurana, McConnell, Doerner, Walslaben, Wint

Ex-Officio Members Present: Boone, Henderson, Gray, Mills, Hinrichs, Christman

Guests: CFO Haack, AVP Cardenas, AAD Kiser

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. Chair Michael Mills asked the members, ex-officio members, and guests present to introduce themselves and thanked the guests and members for their time.

Chair Mills announced that the BOAC web site containing the membership list, by-laws, and meeting minutes, a site requested by the Faculty Senate was available at www.unco.edu/boac.

Chair Mills asked members to recount some of the rumors circulating about UNC Athletics in order to have them addressed. Innuendo ranged from substantial deficits being incurred by the Department, to a loss of reclassification and ouster from the Big Sky Conference, to the AD resigning or being relieved of duty. AD Hinrichs sought to address each rumor and discount it.

A discussion of the budget then ensued with AD Hinrichs laying out the process being followed by the administration, Deans and other parties for determining how each unit will be allocated funding. Hinrichs said that he was asked to prepare 2 and 4% reduction contingency plans, as well as that of a 1% increase. CFO Haack continued this discussion by laying out the proposed plan for the budget decisions, noting that rate fee increases and incentives were being considered. AD Hinrichs, that week, had given a presentation to the Budget Committee about Athletics. Haack reported that decisions would come down within approximately two weeks and recommendations would be formed. The Committee was scheduled to present its recommendations to the Board of Trustees on May 11, 2007.

In upcoming events, Hinrichs announced Opening Day of baseball in a series against Texas Pan-American. The annual Big Sky Conference meeting will be held in Greeley May 20-22, 2007 in the University Center with UNC as the host school. The Spring Game for the football team will be April 2nd. At the time of the meeting, Hinrichs had no word as to when the NCAA decision about reclassification would come down (subsequent conversations with the NCAA revealed that the decision would be announced mid-April 2007).

AAD for Development Chris Kiser gave a report about fundraising efforts. The Blue-Gold Club (being renamed and revitalized to provide annual fund raising for scholarships through donations and special fund raising events) was kicking off this month. Phone calls were being made to attract membership as well as an appeal letter. Kiser also described "UNC 2011," as effort to find 75 donor prospects to donate 5 thousand dollars a year each for 5 years to fund scholarships and costs for football and basketball. That effort would begin April 19, 2007. The Roundball Club was set to meet April 15th.

SAAC representatives were not present, but AAD Henderson reported that SACC was spearheading a service activity designed to coincide with the Big Sky Conference meetings at UNC. UNC student-athletes will work with Special Olympians in alternative sports than their own.

AAD for Compliance Megan Boone reported that she would be taking a position at Stanford University and arrangements were being made to provide a transition before she left her position at UNC. She also announced the NCAA Rules Seminar will be held in Denver May 13-18, 2007 and many of the UNC Athletic Department staff will attend.

AAD for Academic Success Jimmy Henderson reported that priority registration for student-athletes was over and the participation rate by student-athletes was roughly estimated to be 94%, an increase over last semester. Henderson thanked all who were involved in advisement and registration of student-athletes and vowed to continue working to raise the number to near 100% of student-athletes taking part in priority registration. The Academic Reception for Student-athletes will be held Wednesday April 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the UC Ballrooms. AD Hinrichs then asked for a report on the new Academic Center. Henderson reported that the Center was staffed and operating nearly the entire day, seven days a week, and use by student-athletes was brisk.

A discussion then ensued about the Missed Class Days Policy (handout) which was passed by the BOAC, October 2006. Chair Mills asked for input about how to define "missed days" since some classes meet on MWF schedules and others TTh, others may be defined as "periods" or "half-days" and some confusion has occurred from the term "day." The Board discussed various pros and cons of rethinking the language and encouraged the Chair to consider using class minutes as opposed to days since some classes meet more frequently for 50 minutes and others less often for 75 minutes.

In the February meeting, University Counsel Ron Lambden asked the BOAC members to review the University's bylaws concerning the BOAC, especially Bylaw III "The Powers and Duties of the BOAC," by examining the body's role in oversight and monitoring and how it might evolve to take on more responsibilities and duties. Several suggestions were offered including electing a BOAC member to be involved in both the budget process and strategic planning efforts of the athletic department. Questions were raised by the members about the history of the BOAC and its role in addressing the duties listed in Bylaw III, specifically how each area was addressed. Chair Mills suggested that perhaps the four specified duties outlined in the Bylaws (I - IV) could be addressed separately at BOAC meetings spread over the academic year at the rate of two per semester. AD Hinrichs noted that Bylaw C, subset III was due to be addressed at the April meeting involving conference affiliation issues, post season, and scheduling. It was decided that the April meeting would be the first step in the BOAC addressing that requirement.

Chair Mills distributed a packet of information involving the 2006 missed class days for teams competing spring 2006, and the proposed competition schedule for each of the 19 intercollegiate sports UNC will participate in during 2007-2008, detailing missed class

days, dates of competition, NCAA requirements for minimum numbers of competitions, and potential problem areas in scheduling. Each sport's schedule was examined by the Board to ensure it fell within the BOAC missed class policy. All sport competition schedules with the exception of men's baseball and women's softball were approved. Since the BOAC did not have a quorum of members at the April meeting, no vote on the schedules was allowed under BOAC rules, but a friendly motion was put forward and seconded to send the baseball and softball schedules back to the head coaches for revision and rescheduling.

No further announcements or discussion ensued.

Chair Mills thanked the members present for their service. He announced the next meeting would take place, fall semester in the High Plains Room at Nottingham Field and vowed to work carefully with the membership to find a time that would accommodate as many schedules as possible. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Submitted by

Michael Mills, Chair