

## **Minutes of the BOAC Meeting, April 8, 2008**

**Members Present:** Ellis, Mazurana, Stephens (most faculty had scheduling conflicts)

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Adams, Henderson, Mills, Frye, Oltjenbuns, Gray, Christman

**Guests:** Jack Maughan

The meeting was held at the Multipurpose Room at Jackson Stadium and called to order at 7:05 a.m. Donuts and refreshments were distributed.

Chair Mills began the meeting by addressing the BOAC bylaw requirement "policies governing athletic conference affiliation, post-season competition... sponsored sports, and eligibility requirements," specifically the requirement to examine intercollegiate competition schedules and the Board did so for 18 of 19 team sports (missing: women's golf). Each schedule was discussed in relation to missed classes by number (BOAC policy allows for seven class days missed per semester per sport unless an exception is agreed to), distribution of dates, and potential effect on student-athlete academic success. Every spring semester, the Board is tasked with either accepting team schedules, rejecting them, or asking for adjustments. Since the attendance of voting Board members at the April meeting was under a quorum, the Chair proposed that an on-line vote would be conducted by the voting members to gauge members' concerns about effects of schedules on student-athletes. Before the meeting, competition schedules were distributed to the members by email. These sometimes incomplete schedules reflected the best estimates by coaches for next year's competitions. Updated schedules for men's basketball and women's golf will be distributed when they are either completed or available. Results of the voting will be forwarded to the Athletic Director for possible action and schedule revision.

SWA Sherri Frye, substituting for AD Hinrichs who was traveling with baseball, updated the Board about changes in personnel. A permanent business manager, Kristy Watson, has been hired to replace Marla Johnson who is rotating out of the position. The vacancy left by the departure of development officer Chris Kiser is now filled by Jack Maughan who will continue on as wrestling coach but also take on fund raising duties for the Department. Frye was asked to update the Board about the budget for 2008-2009 and noted that the budget will come in somewhere between 7.1 and 7.4 million dollars, well under the lowest comparable budgets of Big Sky Conference schools that begin at 8.5 million dollars. Affecting the budget will be fund raising efforts and expected revenue, some of which are in question. An expected annual \$350K NCAA distribution which was supposed to start this year is in question as schools in their first year after reclassification were notified that there would be a two year lag before the distributions would begin. This grant-in-aid payout was targeted for sports scholarships, as was the special assistance funding projected for this year. Furthermore, the expected 9% tuition increase for the institution, as well as increases in program and other fees, will make scholarship and student support more expensive for the Department. Creative solutions will be explored to offset budget shortfalls. Educational efforts will be launched to better inform university stakeholders about UNC student-athletes and the Department in relation to budget and funding. On a positive note, Frye explained that the Department had received

a summer school financial aid windfall resulting from scholarship savings from the university. Summer school programs are helpful for student-athlete degree progress, APR scores, early graduation, bridge programs, and are also helpful in attracting high ability student-athletes in recruiting.

Jack Maughan, wrestling coach and Development officer, then gave a brief overview of upcoming fundraising efforts on campus in the areas of annual giving, the upcoming Capital Campaign, and major gifts. Maughan also emphasized the need for the restart and expansion of the university's Blue/Gold Booster Club.

AAD Jimmy Henderson then reported on the Academic Success efforts for student-athletes. Henderson noted how important expansion of summer school was for student-athletes. Summer and fall 2008 advisement was held after Spring Break with student-athlete priority registration beginning on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Henderson noted that these efforts were going well and most student-athletes took part in priority registration. In the absence of Katie Falger and Ryan Johnson, SAAC Representatives, Henderson gave the SAAC report noting that the group had a good year with increased participation and enthusiasm for student-athlete governance and activities that included the Relay for Life and other events. Henderson was encouraged by the large number of student-athletes who would be returning next year to SAAC and noted that a new SACC president would be elected shortly.

Announcements of upcoming events: "Bear Cub" experience will be held April 12 at Butler-Hancock, providing youth with a chance to interact with UNC student-athletes. Sunday, April 13, women's basketball will hold its annual banquet. April 19<sup>th</sup>- UNC Athletics "Spring Fling" will involve competitions by UNC soccer, baseball, softball and the football Spring Game. APR Improvement committee will meet this month to continue its work on APR improvement plans. May 2, the Department will hold its annual awards ceremony, this year a combined ceremony with sport and academic awards at the same event.

The Chair then thanked the members present for their service over the past year and announced that BOAC would reconvene fall semester.

There being no further announcements or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Submitted by  
Michael Mills, Chair