

Minutes of the BOAC Meeting, December 4, 2008

Members Present: Stephens, Iyer, Walker, Doerner, Pierce, Van Otterloo,

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

Guests: Jennifer Schunke, Kevin Smallcomb, Randy Haack

The meeting was to be held at the High Plains Room at Nottingham Stadium but due to the weather and other difficulties, the Board members present were redirected to the conference room of the Athletic Department on the second floor of the Butler-Hancock Building. Once convened, the meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

SAAC Representative, Hillarie Van Otterloo gave the SAAC report, explaining the purpose and efforts undertaken by this student-athlete group. Van Otterloo outlined efforts undertaken by the group to increase participation and enthusiasm in student-athlete governance and support for other sports. Two of those efforts were the student-athlete Olympics, which occurred that evening, October 16. Another annual effort currently underway was the Toys for Kids program of which SAAC was taking part for the holidays.

UNC Head coaches Jennifer Schunke from softball and Kevin Smallcomb from baseball then spoke to their team's upcoming schedules, describing the intricacies involved in scheduling since both squads are still Independent DI programs for the 2008-2009 season and as a result must play a challenging road schedule with few home contests. Both described how they seek to limit the number of missed class days in scheduling but both will miss over 10 days spring semester and noted both teams are maintaining a reasonably high GPA and APR score. Both coaches enforce mandatory study hours on the road and while travelling. Softball's situation will hopefully be somewhat rectified next season since in 2009-2010, UNC softball will participate in the Pacific Coast Conference allowing Schunke's squad to schedule more home contests. And if one more school from the Big Sky Conference adds softball, a new core sport will be added and softball will then compete in the same conference as most of the other UNC sports. For baseball, Smallcomb announced the possibility that next year the baseball Bears will enter a newly formulated Great West Conference with teams from all over the country, which would allow his squad to also schedule many more home contests.

AD Hinrichs and CFO Randy Haack then addressed the BOAC bylaw requirement "To recommend, evaluate, and monitor policies governing the financing of intercollegiate athletics, to evaluate their effectiveness, and to recommend the annual budget." Haack distributed a handout describing the State of Colorado budget for 2009 with the Governor's FY 2010 budget outlook. The funding situation for UNC is still a bit uncertain as the State has not announced its priorities for the coming year. Haack noted that the funding situation could be bleak in the coming budget but UNC has done some contingency planning that would hopefully offset any reductions the State might order. Haack also distributed a spreadsheet showing the FY2009 approved budget for Athletics, the total of which will be \$8.2 million, a figure that still puts the University below all other school in the Big Sky Conference but closer to some of the other members than last year's budget. Hinrichs noted that this year's budget showed an increased financial support from the University for Athletics but noted that increased costs, especially in travel expenses, would need to be offset by fundraising and other revenue streams. A lengthy discussion about next year's

enrollment outlook and efforts to increase student enrollment then ensued, with Guzman giving a careful but hopeful report on indicators for next year's student body numbers, but more firm numbers will not be available until March.

AAD Jimmy Henderson then reported on the Academic Success efforts for student-athletes and promised to deliver a copy of the fall semester 2008 GPA report at the next BOAC meeting, as well as an update about APR. Grades for fall semester are due December 18th. Henderson discussed several initiatives for better serving the student-athletes including research being done on the efficacy of study hall. He also noted that the University sent two student-athletes to the latest NCAA Regional Leadership Conference.

Compliance officer Sarah Adams was unable to attend the meeting but AD Hinrichs reported the institution reported three secondary violations to the NCAA and then explained how violations are reported and what actions are taken. Also, a search is underway to find a find an Assistant Compliance officer as former assistant Melanie Feddersen resigned earlier in the semester.

Jack Maughan was unable to attend the meeting as he was travelling with the wrestling team but Hinrichs then gave a brief overview fundraising efforts on campus in the areas of annual giving, the upcoming Capital Campaign, and major gifts. The University's Blue/Gold Booster Club is having events. The University's "Reverse Raffle" was held on Thursday Oct 23 raising \$102,000 and netting \$78,000 after expenses. On February 27th, the University's Athletic Hall of Fame dinner will be held and on April 18th, the Women's Walk fundraiser will be held.

Hinrichs then reported on intercollegiate competition noting that the UNC volleyball team competed in the post-season tournament in the Big Sky Conference, losing in the second round to eventual champion Portland State. He went on to note that women's soccer placed a player on the All Academic team and football would be having its post-season banquet that Friday.

The Chair then thanked the members present for their service and announced that BOAC would reconvene spring semester 2009, twice on dates TBA most probably at 5:00 p.m. in the High Plains Room of Nottingham Stadium.

There being no further announcements or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by
Michael Mills, Chair