

Minutes of the BOAC Meeting, February 12, 2008

Members Present: Ellis, Schreck, Mazurana, Stephens, Doerner, Johnson

Ex-Officio Members Present: Adams, Lambden, Henderson, Mills, Hinrichs, Haack, Christman, Cardenas, Stotlar

Guests: Michael Johnson

The meeting was held at the Multipurpose Room at Jackson Stadium and called to order at 7:00 a.m. Donuts and refreshments were distributed.

AD Jay Hinrichs began the meeting by giving a State of the Department speech for 2008, outlining the upcoming budget process and announcing a new budget request for 2008-2009 of more than \$500,000 for retention of coaches, NCAA competition costs, staff additions, and summer school costs. Among other topics, the AD addressed efforts at finding funding for renovation plans for Butler Hancock and explained the ongoing efforts to establish softball as a core sport in the Big Sky Conference.

The University's new Compliance Officer, Sarah Adams, introduced herself and briefly outlined the responsibilities and purposes of an office of compliance. Adams is relocating from University of New Mexico and will be concentrating her efforts in streamlining her office's procedures and policies, as well as undertaking an extensive education campaign to even more familiarize the Athletic Department with NCAA regulations and policies. The offices of compliance and academic success are now fully staffed and a handout was distributed to staff and coaches by Adams and Henderson outlining the division of labor between those two units as Michael Kallsen and Melanie Feddersen will be assigned full time to academic success and compliance respectively.

AAD Jimmy Henderson then reported on the Academic Success efforts for student athletes. Henderson delivered a summary of semester and cumulative GPA for UNC student-athletes, fall 2007, both of which exceeded a 3.0 overall cumulative GPA for all athletes. Henderson's goal is an overall 3.2 average. Also announced were academic successes of Dani Hagan, who was named by ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VII Second-Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and Thanasi Panagiotakopoulos who was named All-District VII First-Team. Also, 10 of 15 of the UNC volleyball players were named to the Big Sky Conference fall 2007 All Academic team. Henderson announced that efforts were underway to better support at-risk and struggling student-athletes, proactively address APR lagging sports, and recruit even more volunteers for the Academic Center.

Michael Johnson for the UNC Foundation delivered his report on Foundation and fundraising activities and announced that AAD Chris Kiser had resigned to take another position at Wyoming. A search will be done to find a replacement and the job description was being finalized. Efforts at resurrecting the Blue/Gold Club are ongoing, as is increased emphasis on the Fall Sports Kick-off Banquet and Reverse Raffle, all fundraiser devoted to scholarships and support for the Department. A weekly meeting between Advancement and Athletics has been implemented, and communication between the units is being improved. Johnson noted successes in the areas of outreach programs

to donors and alumnae, as well as former players. Fund raising efforts for renovations to Strength and Conditioning spaces are ongoing. In development are Hospitality Suites for Butler Hancock events and a possible relocation and development of the University Athletic Hall of Fame. This year's fund raising goal of \$770,00 in gifts and donations has been reached and surpassed. Johnson also gave an update on the plans for the university Capital Campaign, the culmination of which is now slated to coincide with the 125th Anniversary of the University. The Athletic Department projected allotment of Capital Funds raised will be approximately \$10 million for facilities, scholarships, personnel, among other expenses.

Ryan Johnson, SAAC Representative, delivered a report on activities having to do with the Student Athlete Advisory Council. Johnson noted that "comraderie" amongst student-athletes was being emphasized and members of the various sports were being encouraged to support each other. Over Christmas, SALT's (Student Athlete Leadership Team) inter-athletic "Olympics" was held, wherein UNC varsity athletic teams were pitted against each other in friendly competition as teams challenged each other in fun "sports" and events to earn points. The event drew nearly 100 participants and was deemed to be a successful social event. Plans are being drawn up for some type of a similar social event or "Summer Games" some time spring semester.

AD Jay Hinrichs delivered announcements of external and special events. Many of the UNC sports programs are either competing, practicing, or in some way active during this period. Hinrichs announced a series of events on campus as UNC will host local high school competitions and championships in basketball, track, and baseball. Hinrichs noted that the upside potential for the university in hosting these events that attract both potential students and their parents is immense in recruitment efforts for enrollment and athletics. Student-athlete Johnson noted that an upcoming high school wrestling tournament would also be held on campus.

Chair Mills announced to the Board that after consultations with faculty, faculty senators, and other stakeholders in the University community and after seeking approval from President Norton, the first edition of the Board of Athletic Control Newsletter about UNC student-athlete academic issues and BOAC activities had been put on the BOAC website (www.unco.edu/BOAC). This bi-annual newsletter written by the Faculty Athletic Representative will continue to be distributed on-line to the university community to help spread this information about semester grade reports, graduation rates, majors by athletes, advising information, information on liaison program, spotlights on coaches and players, and NCAA regulations pertaining to academics.

Chair Mills reported to the Board on conversations about how the university might better provide support and socialization for the unique circumstances of international student-athletes and underrepresented groups (as well as by region). Time constraints would not allow for a Board conversation, but the topic will be brought up again during the March meeting.

The next two meetings of the BOAC during spring 2008 will be held at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday March 11th and April 8th, both in the Multipurpose Room at Jackson Stadium.

There being no further announcements or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by
Michael Mills, Chair