

## **Minutes of the BOAC Meeting, October 16, 2008**

**Members Present:** Ellis, Stephens, Iyer, Walker, Doerner, Larson, Pierce, Peercy, Van Otterloo, Miles, Dunsmoor

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

**Guests:** Maughan

The meeting was held at the High Plains Room at Nottingham Stadium and was called to order at 5:00 p.m. New members were welcomed and introduced. The members having specific responsibilities having to do with athletics described their positions and duties.

Chair Mills began the meeting by asking AD Hinrichs and Nancy Gray (Financial Aid) to address the BOAC bylaw requirement "...to recommend, evaluate, and monitor policies governing financial assistance to athletes." Gray and Hinrichs addressed how the Financial Aid office works with student-athletes, coaches, and the Department with athletic scholarships and, in doing so, gave the Board a primer on how financial aid and scholarships work with NCAA Division I sports and the allotment of funding that UNC provides for the Department and its sports. Of note is the fact that all athletic scholarships are offered on a yearly basis; cover expenses such as tuition, books, fees and room and board; and are offered in contract form on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Discussion ensued about how scholarship monies are allocated, where the increases in these funds are strategically distributed, and how donations may be targeted to specific sports. Gray noted that the costs associated with an in-state scholarship student-athlete runs about \$14,000 a year/ \$22,000 for out-of-state. The institution contributes a set dollar amount to athletics every year, but much of that amount is returned to the institution through scholarships.

Hinrichs also noted the addition of several staff members: Randy Hash, Director of Marketing and Sales; Ray Vasquez, Director of Marketing; and Jack Maughan, Director of Development. Maughan is transitioning from his position as Head Coach of the Wrestling Team into the Foundation this year.

AAD Jimmy Henderson then reported on the Academic Success efforts for student-athletes and delivered a copy of the spring semester 2008 GPA report. UNC student-athletes averaged a 3.07 cumulative GPA for all sports. For average GPA: Men 2.81, Women 3.24. 46% of student-athletes earned a 3.2 or greater GPA, with 32% maintaining a 3.2 cumulative GPA. Henderson said that the departmental goal for all sports was to reach a 3.2 GPA on average. In order to address low individual student-athlete GPAs, Henderson outlined policies involving study hall and hours for athletes, and the individual attention structure for low achieving and identified at-risk athletes. At-risk students are given training in study skills and time management, and all freshman and transfer student-athletes are required to take the FYE 108 orientation course. Midterm grade data is collected, and Henderson said that the faculty response rate for fall 2008 was 48%.

Compliance officer Sarah Adams then gave a report on how compliance is handled at UNC, detailing rules for insuring proper documentation and certification of all freshman and transfer student-athletes. She noted that evaluations are done semesterly of all student-athletes, during

which progress toward degree, GPA, and other requirements are checked to make sure that the athletes are eligible for intercollegiate competition and are progressing satisfactorily toward degree completion.

Jack Maughan 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 described the activities of the university's Blue/Gold Booster Club, annual campaigns, and noted that the University's "Reverse Raffle" would be held on Thursday Oct 23. In regards to fundraising efforts, Maughan discussed how contributions and fundraising worked to support scholarships and the operations of the athletic department, as well as capital construction efforts. Maughan noted that fundraising was still being done to cover this year's costs and scholarships and hoped that next year's efforts would be geared more toward the following year.

SAAC Representative, Hillarie Van Otterloo gave the SAAC report, explaining the purpose and efforts undertaken by this student-athlete group. With her co-president Ryan Johnson, Van Otterloo will be encouraging the group to increase participation and enthusiasm in student-athlete governance and support for other sports. Some of these efforts include continuation of the brother/sister team program and the upcoming student-athlete Olympics. One specific effort this year undertaken by SAAC will be to help the track and field team's throwers in obtaining a new throwing cage.

Hinrichs then reported on upcoming events and intercollegiate competition noting that the UNC volleyball team was currently in first place in the Big Sky Conference. The annual fall/winter sports intersection was occurring wherein most of the university's 19 sports would be active. Further, Hinrichs noted that the upcoming Western Regional Wrestling Championships would be hosted by UNC, and he concluded by announcing a new Athletic Department web site.

Chair Mills tabled until the December meeting a discussion of a new exit interview survey initiative that will be conducted by the BOAC to gauge graduating student-athlete satisfaction and welfare issues. Mills stated that information was still being gathered, and he would be consulting with his fellow FARs at the Big Sky Conference fall meeting that would be taking place that weekend.

SWA Frye then detailed the Women's Walk set for April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, which is designed to help support women student-athletes and promote opportunities for young women. Frye noted that while the Walk is designed to help women student-athletes, its effects would benefit male athletes as well. Teams are being formed to "walk" supported by individual donations and corporate sponsorship. Chair Mills then challenged the Board to participate in the Walk by forming a team to not only help raise funds, but also to act as "cheerleaders" encouraging the participants on. More discussion of this plan was planned for future meetings

The Chair then thanked the members present for their service and announced that BOAC would reconvene December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in the High Plains Room of Nottingham Stadium.

There being no further announcements or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by  
Michael Mills, Chair