

*Minutes of the Presidential Committee on Athletics*

*Zoom Meeting*

*May 7, 2020*

**Members Present:** Bowden, Colin, Courter, Dillavou, Friestad, Gerke, Grosland, Hollingworth, Kehoe, Kelly, Kerst, Matheson, Nonnenmann, Sayon, Torner, Vogan, Voss, and Weinstein.

**Member Absent:** Osborn.

**Also Present:** Aspelmeier (Associate Director of Compliance), Barta (Henry B. and Patricia B. Tippie Director of Athletics Chair), Burke (Deputy Director of Athletics), Clerry (Associate Athletics Director), Davies (Assistant Athletics Director/Chief Financial Officer), Etsey (Assistant Athletics Director & Chief Technology Officer), Hansen (Vice President for Student Life), Henderson (Senior Associate Athletics Director), Hilleman (Associate Athletics Director), Lehnertz (Senior Vice President, Finance & Operations), Modestou (Director of Equal Opportunity & Diversity and Deputy Title IX Coordinator), Piro (Assistant Athletics Director & Executive Director-Varsity Club), Rickertsen (Interim Assistant Athletics Director for Ticket Operations), Roe (Director of Athletics Communications), Taylor (Associate Athletics Director), Tovar (Associate Athletics Director), and Wilson (Senior Associate Athletics Director).

Chair Matheson brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. The Chair welcomed new Vice President of Student Life Sarah Hansen to the Presidential Committee on Athletics.

**I. Approval of Minutes - March 10, 2020**

Courter moved to approve the minutes from March 10, 2020; Dillavou seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**II. Athletics Department Searches - PCA Vice Chair Kehoe**

Kehoe reported the search for the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion was canceled due to COVID-19. Broderick Binns will continue in this position on an interim basis.

**III. Subcommittee Updates**

**A. Academic Achievement - Bowden**

Bowden's subcommittee met twice since the last PCA meeting. He reported Tovar and her staff have done a great job of transitioning to online learning and have conducted about 500 Zoom tutorial sessions daily. Computers were made available to those student-athletes who needed access to complete coursework. Tovar has been in discussions with her Big Ten peers to share best practices

during this unique period. Student-Athlete Academic Services (SAAS) staff have been working with student-athletes to complete fall registration and maintain eligibility.

A brief discussion about the eight missed-class days policy ensued. Student-athletes are tracked on an individual and per class basis to see if they missed more than eight class periods in a semester. SAAS staff members monitor individuals to ensure they are performing well academically. Subcommittee members and SAAS staff will continue to talk about how this process could work should the university have online courses next academic year.

***B. Equity - Dillavou***

Equity Subcommittee members convened a Zoom meeting on April 2, 2020. Kerst gave the student-athletes' perspective on COVID-19 and how the changeover to no athletic involvement and online classes has been going. The subcommittee also heard what ISAAC Executive Committee has been doing to facilitate the transition.

Dillavou also reported Hilleman gave a presentation on coaches' compensation. She spoke about pay levels, external resources used to obtain comparative data among Big Ten peers, courtesy cars provided, and other support provided to coaches.

The group will meet for their final meeting of the academic year on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

***C. Student-Athlete Well-Being - Torner***

Torner noted the Student-Athlete Well-Being Subcommittee met twice since the last PCA meeting. They discussed student-athlete wellness and the role of Sports Medicine to connect student-athletes who need sports medicine services with local providers during their absence from the UI campus due to the pandemic. Sports Psychology staff is frequently connecting with student-athletes in person, virtually, or in virtual group sessions. The biggest challenge has been to connect international student-athletes with a provider in their area, mainly because of the time difference. Also discussed was the importance of the coaches communicating with their teams. They also spoke about some wellness apps such as The Happiness Lab and CALM available to student-athletes at no cost.

Other topics discussed were the Pass/No Pass grading system and its potential effect on eligibility and academic requirements. Student-athletes will work with their academic coordinator and campus advisor on whether they should elect this option.

Burke spoke to subcommittee members about the Substance Abuse Policy, focusing on the updated appeal procedure. Testing procedures were also discussed.

At the April subcommittee meeting, Taylor and Roe attended to discuss current media activities since sports seasons were canceled, the role of the coaches in

talking with the media, how student-athletes are guided in answering questions from the media, and social media platforms.

***IV. ISAAC Report - Kerst***

- A.** ISAAC met last night to vote on Executive Board members for the next academic year. The president will be Marissa Mueller (track & field); Manuela Lizarazu (golf) will be vice president. Four current executive members will return next year.
- B.** General applications for ISAAC membership will be accepted through May 15, 2020.
- C.** Sport Psychologist Aubrette Kinne attended the ISAAC meeting to introduce and show how to use the CALM app. She emailed procedures on how to install and activate the app to all Hawkeye student-athletes.
- D.** De-Stress Fest is taking place this week. Virtual Zoom sessions for meditation and mindfulness are available. Sign-ups are available on Helper Helper. Kinne will also provide leadership and development sessions over the summer to interested student-athletes.
- E.** The Big Ten Student-Athlete Advisory Council will meet virtually on Monday, May 18, 2020. Kerst, Mueller, and Lizarazu will participate. The Chair of the Big Ten's Emerging Infectious Diseases Task Force will report on COVID-19.

***V. NCAA Report - Barta, Burke, Grosland, Hollingworth***

- A.** Barta reported Big Ten Commissioner Warren created a mental health advisory group. Sport Psychologist Kinne is a member. The Big Ten Conference is providing the CALM app to all Conference student-athletes and full-time Athletics staff members at no cost.
- B.** No Big Ten sport team activities will take place through June 1, 2020. This date may be re-evaluated.
- C.** UI spring sport seniors received the opportunity to return for an additional year of eligibility per Barta.
- D.** The NCAA passed the grad transfer rule allowing a student-athlete who has earned a degree to transfer to another school without having to be enrolled in grad school. The one-time transfer rule for all sports will be discussed at the May NCAA Council meeting. Barta indicated a likely outcome of that meeting is for legislation to be created this fall and voted upon at the NCAA Convention in January 2021. Name, Image, and Likeness will also likely be voted upon at that same convention.
- E.** The Big Ten Joint Group meeting takes place Monday, May 11, 2020.

**VI. Athletics Director's Report - Barta**

- A.** Fall and winter sports teams had good momentum through their seasons. Lee (wrestling), Doyle (women's basketball), and Garza (men's basketball) received Big Ten athlete of the year honors in their sports. Lee was named the nation's most dominant college wrestler and received the AAU James E. Sullivan Award, presented annually to the most outstanding amateur athlete in the United States. Garza received several national player of the year honors. The Indiana Fever picked Doyle with the 14<sup>th</sup> pick of the Women's National Basketball Association's draft.
- B.** Barta expounded on what's been occurring in the Athletics Department since the closure of the UI Campus. He has convened two All Staff Meetings, holds weekly head coach meetings, has one to two senior staff meetings each week, he's met with all sports teams, sport administrators are meeting regularly with their team, he's on daily calls with Commissioner Warren and other Big Ten athletics directors, he's participating in NCAA virtual sessions, he participates weekly with President Harreld and the President's Cabinet, etc.

The Big Ten created the Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases to monitor and provide guidance on COVID-19. The Chair is Dr. Chris Kratochvil, Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical Research, University of Nebraska. Each Conference institution has a representative; Iowa's representative is Edith Parker, Dean, College of Public Health. Task Force members will provide important guidance in developing return to campus/play scenarios.

- C.** Athletics Department finances are suffering due to economic turmoil. Athletics staff members have been working to prepare next year's budget, based on a significant drop in revenue. The type of football season schedule will impact the budget; Department staff members are planning for several different scenarios.


**VII. Adjourn**

Chair Matheson recognized Bowden, Dillavou, and Osborn, who have completed their terms on the PCA. Bowden stated it was a great source of pride to see how well the Athletics Department operates. Dillavou agreed.

Kerst was also thanked by Chair Matheson for his impressive job as ISAAC representative.

Committee members will receive an email regarding serving on PCA subcommittees next academic year.

With no other business, Courter moved to close today's session. Dillavou seconded. Chair Matheson adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

  
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Rae Parker  
Recording Secretary