

*Minutes of the Presidential Committee on Athletics*

*Big Ten/Iowa Room, Carver-Hawkeye Arena*

*September 5, 2019*

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

**Members Absent:** Friestad, Sayon, and Torner.

**Also Present:** 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), Henderson (Senior Associate Athletics Director), Hilleman (Associate Athletics Director), Lehnertz (Senior Vice President, Finance & Operations), Shivers (Vice President for Student Life), Weitzel (Associate Director-Athletics Communications), and Wilson (Senior Associate Athletics Director).

**Guests Present:** Renee Gillispie (Head Softball Coach) and Bruce Harreld (President, University of Iowa).

Chair Matheson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**I. Welcome and Introduction of PCA Members and Athletics Staff**

PCA members and Athletics staff introduced themselves to the Committee.

**II. Approval of Minutes - May 2, 2019**

Colin moved to approve the May 2, 2019, minutes; Osborn seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was recorded from the Committee.

**III. Head Coach Introduction - Renee Gillispie, Softball**

Coach Gillispie spoke about her journey that brought her to the University of Iowa and back to her native state. Last year was her first year at Iowa, and she focused on getting to know the student-athletes and developing a new culture among team members. She spoke about the rigorous schedule of competing in 56 games within 80 days each spring. The roster consists of 30 women—over half of whom are from Iowa. Her recruiting focuses mainly on the states surrounding Iowa and California.

Coach took questions from Committee members. Chair Matheson thanked her for her presentation. A round of applause followed.

***IV. Opening Remarks - President Harreld***

President Harreld thanked PCA members for their time and efforts to assist student-athletes in succeeding in the classroom and in competition. He stated the work of the Committee is remarkably important, and Committee members perform their duties with high integrity, professionalism, and transparency. The President challenged the PCA not to get complacent and always strive to raise the bar which is good for the University of Iowa, good for the Big Ten Conference, and good nationally.

Chair Matheson thanked President Harreld for his encouraging comments.

***V. Election of Vice Chair***

Chair Matheson requested nominations for the position of vice chair of the PCA. Weinstein nominated Kehoe; Courter seconded. Hearing no others, Chair Matheson asked for a vote to appoint Kehoe as vice chair. Full approval was granted from PCA members.

***VI. Announcements - Chair Matheson***

- A.*** Student-athletes with a 3.0 GPA or above will be recognized at the Iowa-Middle Tennessee State football game on September 28, 2019.
- B.*** Committee members who would like a Big Ten Manual should email [rae-parker@uiowa.edu](mailto:rae-parker@uiowa.edu).
- C.*** A free download of the 2019-20 NCAA Manual can be found at <https://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4577-2019-2020-ncaa-division-i-manual-august-version-available-for-presell-now.aspx>.
- D.*** The PCA Directory will be emailed when finalized.
- E.*** The Athletics Department Organizational Chart was distributed with today's agenda.
- F.*** PCA Subcommittee Assignments will be emailed soon.
- G.*** PCA members are required to complete FERPA (Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act) Training if they have not already done so. Questions should be directed to Chair Matheson.

***VII. Signing of Confidentiality Pledges***

PCA members signed annual confidentiality pledge forms. The form will be emailed to those not in attendance.

***VIII. ISAAC Report - Kerst***

- A.*** The 2019-20 ISAAC Executive Board (see attached) consists of nine executive members: chair, vice chair, secretary/treasurer, and six other student-athletes who represent one pillar of the Hawkeye Life Program.

- B.** Current track and field student-athlete Marissa Mueller and former swimming student-athlete Ben Colin sit on the UI Student Government Board to help bridge the gap between ISAAC and the general UI student population.
- C.** ISAAC members have established three goals for 2019-20: 1) continue work to increase communication between ISAAC and the general UI student body; 2) expand student-athlete involvement on game day impact; and, 3) provide opportunities for student-athlete personal development.

Chair Matheson thanked Kerst for his willingness to serve as chair.

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

- A.** For the benefit of new PCA members, Barta noted that he, Burke, Clerry, Grosland, and Hollingworth serve on Big Ten Conference committees.
- B.** Current national topics of discussion are:
  - 1.** Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) which seeks payment to student-athletes for use of their NIL.
  - 2.** Ongoing discussions regarding student-athletes who transfer and, in particular, if all should sit out a year of competition at the new institution or if all should be eligible to compete immediately. Tied to this topic is how to manage graduate transfers.
  - 3.** Gambling on sports is now legal in the state of Iowa. Student-athletes and Athletics staff members are not allowed to gamble per NCAA rules. Athletics Department staff members are discussing approaches to educate student-athletes.
  - 4.** All parties involved in the “Pay for Play” antitrust suit against the NCAA have filed an appeal after a federal district court in California issued a ruling in the case. Barta will provide updates to PCA members.

***X. Athletics Director’s Report - Barta***

- A.** Barta stressed the importance of the ISAAC group to the Athletics Department. Athletic Senior Staff members meet with ISAAC throughout the year to hear their ideas, concerns, and offer assistance.
- B.** A major NCAA violation was reported this past summer by Athletics Department staff to the NCAA. A personnel change was made in that sport. The case is now pending with NCAA staff.
- C.** The following sports report was presented by Barta:
  - 1.** Volleyball is currently 3-0 under the leadership of Interim Head Coach Vicki Brown.

2. Head Coach Dave Dilanni's soccer team is 4-0.
3. The field hockey team is presently ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
4. Football is undefeated.

**D.** Barta gave the following update on facility projects:

1. The renovations to Kinnick Stadium's north end zone was paid in its entirety by the Athletics Department. He reminded PCA members the Athletics Department does not receive money from the UI General Fund.
2. The new Finkbine Golf Course clubhouse project was funded entirely by one family. The building should be completed by 2020.
3. The Athletics Department Master Facilities Plan envisions a new wrestling training center, new soccer complex, new baseball complex, and a new softball complex. Athletics staff work in conjunction with the UI's Master Facilities Planning staff to collaborate on future proposed projects.

**E.** The Athletics Department's new Strategic Plan will be published later this month. Input was obtained from several groups, i.e., PCA members, ISAAC, UI alumni, Athletics staff, etc. The plan aligns with the UI's Strategic Plan.

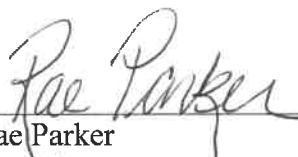
**F.** The Big Ten Conference announced Kevin Warren as the new Big Ten Commissioner.

**XI. Break into Groups to Set Subcommittee Schedules**

Subcommittee members discussed possible dates/times for meetings.

**XII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

  
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Rae Parker  
Recording Secretary

# 2019-2020 ISAAC Executive Board



Jason Kerst  
Men's Tennis  
Chair



Marissa Mueller  
Women's Track & Field  
Vice Chair



Ryley Miller  
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