

Minutes of the Presidential Committee on Athletics

Big Ten/Iowa Room, Carver-Hawkeye Arena

September 2, 2021

Members Present: Carl, Cavey Lang, Foley Nicpon, Grooms, Grosland, Hand, Hollingworth, Nonnenmann, Pierce, Raiber, Taiwo, Vogan, Williams, and Zaharis.

Members Absent: Berg, Davis, Sayon, Torner, Voss, and Weinstein.

Also Present: Alexander (Special Assistant to the SWA/Strength & Conditioning Coach), Barta (Henry B. and Patricia B. Tippie Director of Athletics Chair), Bryson (Student-Athlete Well Being Committee member/Track Student-Athlete), Burke (Deputy Director of Athletics), Clerry (Senior Associate Athletics Director), Davies (Associate Athletics Director/Chief Financial Officer), Etsey (Associate Athletics Director), Lehnertz (Senior Vice President, Finance & Operations), Roe (Director of Athletics Communications), Simcox (Associate Director), Tovar (Associate Athletics Director and Associate VP of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion), and Wilson (Executive Senior Associate Athletics Director).

Chair Zaharis called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 6, 2021

Hollingworth moved to approve the May 6, 2021, minutes; Pierce seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was recorded from the Committee.

III. Election of Vice Chair

Chair Zaharis nominated Ain Grooms for vice chair; Nonnenmann seconded. Full approval was granted from PCA members.

IV. Announcements - Chair Zaharis

A. Student-athletes with a 3.0 GPA or above will be recognized at the Iowa-Colorado State football game on September 25, 2021.

- B.** Committee members who would like a Big Ten Manual should email marjorie-meisner@uiowa.edu.
- C.** A free download of the 2021-22 NCAA Manual can be found at <https://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4630-2021-2022-ncaa-division-i-manual.aspx>
- D.** The PCA Directory will be emailed when finalized.
- E.** The Athletics Department Organizational Chart will be distributed electronically.
- F.** PCA Subcommittee Assignments will be sent out 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 Zaharis.
- H.** Chair Zaharis reminded everyone to fill out the annual confidentiality pledge form.
- I.** Due to a schedule conflict, President Wilson's address to the PCA has been delayed until the December meeting. Zaharis shared three areas focus for the Committee from talks with President Wilson: 1) support and encourage vaccination of athletics staff and student-athletes, 2) prioritize high graduation rates, 3) promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

V. ISAAC Report - Taiwo

- A.** Taiwo shared that the August 26 Multi-Focus Group Kickoff at Tovar's house had a great turnout and provided an environment where student-athletes with diverse backgrounds could easily connect.
- B.** The 2021 Student-Athlete Kickoff was Sunday, August 29. Student-Athletes were encouraged to stay and watch field hockey play in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.
- C.** ISAAC had its first meeting last night, where members had breakout sessions to discuss subcommittee goals. Taiwo commented the membership showed impressive growth as fifty percent of the members were new to the Committee.
- D.** With the September 25 PCA Academic Recognitions nearing, Taiwo told Committee members to watch for an email from Associate Director of Student-Athlete Academic Services Kara Park regarding complimentary tickets to the football game.

VI. NCAA Report - Barta, Burke, Grosland, Hollingworth

- A.** Barta stated there was an August 25 Big Ten Joint Group Retreat where the future of athletic governance and the role of the NCAA were discussed. Barta noted college athletic programs have recently had to adapt to many rule changes including the transfer process and Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL).

The Athletics Compliance and External Relations staff members are working together to educate student-athletes who are interested in creating a platform to promote their brand through the Influencer app. Many challenges remain as athletic programs grapple with where and what NIL will look like in the future.

- B.** Barta mentioned conference realignments are at the forefront of the news and noted the alliance between the Big Ten, ACC, and PAC-12 was a result of rich and long-standing connections and shared commitments to excellence in athletics, academics, and research. The alliance better positions the three Conferences to continue to have a voice in shaping the future of college athletics.
- C.** NCAA has called for a constitutional convention seeking input from the conferences and schools in how college sports is governed.

VII. Athletics Director's Report

Gary began by thanking PCA members for their time and service to the Committee.

- A.** Enclosed are the sports report and schedules for September. Barta highlighted the following:
- 1.** Soccer has started the season 3-0.
 - 2.** Iowa's field hockey team hosted the Big Ten/ACC Challenge and won matches against # 11 Wake Forest and #1 North Carolina. The Hawkeyes are currently ranked 3rd in the country.
 - 3.** Cross Country begins the season by hosting the Hawkeye Invitational on Friday, September 3. Both men and women will compete.
 - 4.** The first UI football game will be at Kinnick on September 4 against ranked Indiana.
- B.** Fans return to the stadium for the first time since the 2019 season and will see many game day changes including parking lot hours of operations, the end of an era for the Hawkeye Express, mobile ticketing, points of entry to Kinnick changing, and the selling of beer and wine in the stadium. Athletics staff members have been committed to educating and supporting patrons in navigating through uncertainties arising from the changes. Kudos were given to the ticket office staff for their tireless efforts in assisting Hawkeyes in downloading mobile tickets.

- C. Last season, the Athletics Department invested 6 million for COVID testing to help mitigate COVID, which provided our student-athletes a pathway to compete. The pandemic continues to have direct and indirect impacts on the Department, including staffing issues faced by UI vendors.

The UI Sports Performance team routinely implements best practices in response to CDC guidelines and federal and state laws to protect our student-athletes, including the continuation of testing those not vaccinated three times a week. Currently, ninety percent of Athletics staff and student-athletes have received the vaccine and are no longer subject to testing protocols or contact tracing if asymptomatic.

Hy-Vee has been a great partner of the UI in providing vaccines and will be hosting a walk-up vaccination clinic on the northwest corner of Kinnick Stadium before the Iowa football season opener on September 4. Individuals will have the option to any of three COVID vaccines as well as the flu shot.

- D. Hall of Fame class of 2021 will be honored throughout this weekend and will be recognized at halftime during the Iowa-Indiana football game.

VIII. Year of Champions Video


Barta stated momentum from the last five years culminated in the Hawkeyes having one of their best seasons academically and athletically despite challenges faced by coaches and student-athletes amid a pandemic. Barta credited the Athletics External Relations team in creating the Year of Champions video, celebrating last season's many achievements.

IX. Break into Groups to Set Subcommittee Schedules

Subcommittee members discussed possible dates/times for meetings.

X. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 4:58 p.m.


Marj Meisner
Recording Secretary



2021-22 University of Iowa Men's & Women's Sports Schedules

Baseball

9/22 Mississauga
 10/2 Iowa Western
 10/8 Kirkwood
 10/18-20 Black & Gold World Series

Men's Cross Country

9/3 Hawkeye Invite
 9/18 at Dirksen-Greeno Invite
 10/1 at Gans Creek Invite
 10/15 at Bradley Pink Classic
 10/15 at Nuttycombe Invite
 10/29 at Big Ten Championships
 11/12 NCAA Midwest Regional
 11/20 at NCAA Championships

Women's Cross Country

9/3 Hawkeye Invite
 9/18 at Dirksen-Greeno Invite
 10/1 at Gans Creek Invite
 10/15 at Bradley Pink Classic
 at Nuttycombe Invite
 10/29 at Big Ten Championships
 11/12 NCAA Midwest Regional
 11/20 at NCAA Championships

#3 Field Hockey (2-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

8/27 #11 Wake Forest * W 5-3
 8/29 #1 North Carolina * W 3-1
 9/4 vs. New Hampshire +
 9/5 at Boston
 9/10 Ohio
 9/12 St. Louis
 9/17 at Indiana
 9/19 at Louisville
 9/24 Penn State
 9/26 Penn State
 10/1 at Rutgers
 10/3 at Maryland
 10/8 at Michigan State
 10/10 at Central Michigan
 10/15 Michigan
 10/17 Ohio State
 10/29 Northwestern
 11/4-7 at Big Ten Tournament
 11/12-21 at NCAA Tournament

* ACC/Big Ten Challenge

+ at Boston, Mass.

^ Big Ten Tournament - at New Brunswick, N.J.

#18/18 Football (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

9/4 #17/17 Indiana
 9/11 at #7/8 Iowa State *
 9/18 Kent State
 9/25 Colorado State
 10/1 at Maryland
 10/9 #19/20 Penn State
 10/16 Purdue
 10/30 at #12/15 Wisconsin
 11/6 at Northwestern
 11/13 Minnesota
 11/20 Illinois
 11/26 at Nebraska
 12/4 at Big Ten Championship +
 * Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series
 + Indianapolis, Ind.

Women's Golf

9/13-14 at Dick McGuire Invite
 9/19-21 at Badger Fall Invite
 10/22-24 at White Sands Bahamas NCAA Invite
 1/30-2/2 at B1G Match Play
 2/7-8 at FAU Spring Invite
 2/13-15 at Tulane
 2/27-28 at Westbrook Spring Invite
 3/19-21 Hawkeye El Tigre Invite
 3/27-29 at Chattanooga Classic
 4/22-24 at Big Ten Championships
 5/9-11 at NCAA Regionals
 5/20-25 at NCAA Championships

Men's Golf

9/5-7 at Marquette Invite
 9/12-13 at Gopher Invite
 10/4-5 at Notre Dame Fighting Irish Classic
 10/24-25 at Tar Heel Invite

Soccer (3-1, 0-0 Big Ten)

8/19 at DePaul W 2-1
 8/22 at #21 St. Louis W 1-0
 8/26 Iowa State * W 2-1
 8/29 at Kansas L 0-1 (OT)
 9/2 Purdue-Ft. Wayne
 9/5 Mississippi State
 9/9 at Kansas City
 9/12 at Southeast Missouri State
 9/19 Northwestern
 9/23 at Indiana
 9/26 at Purdue
 9/30 Maryland
 10/3 Michigan State
 10/10 at Rutgers
 10/14 at Nebraska
 10/17 Illinois
 10/21 Minnesota
 10/24 at Wisconsin
 10/31-11/7 at Big Ten Tournament
 11/12-14 at NCAA Tournament
 * Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series

Softball

9/26 Illinois State
 Indiana Hills
 10/1 at UNI *
 10/2 vs. Drake *
 10/3 vs. Iowa State *
 10/15 Iowa Wesleyan
 10/22 DMACC
 10/28 Kirkwood
 * Big 4 Classic - Cedar Falls, Iowa

Swimming & Diving (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

10/1 UNI
 10/8 Minnesota
 10/23 at Nebraska
 11/18-20 at Georgia Tech Diving Invite
 at Miami Invite
 12/10 at Iowa State
 12/13-19 at USA Diving Nationals
 1/15 at Illinois
 1/28-29 at Minnesota
 vs. Northwestern
 2/16-19 at Big Ten Championships
 3/5-9 at NCAA Zone D Diving Championships
 3/16-19 at NCAA Championships
 * Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series

Women's Tennis (0-0, 0-0 Big Ten)

9/20-26 at Dallas Ft. Worth 25K
 9/24-26 at Gopher Invite
 10/4-10 at ITA All-American
 10/8-10 at Northwestern Invite
 10/11-17 at Florence 25K
 10/21-25 at ITA Regionals
 11/4-7 at ITA National Fall Championships
 10/10-14 at Daytona 25K
 11/12-14 at UNLV Invite
 1/16 Marquette
 Drake
 1/21 Missouri
 1/28 at Mississippi State
 1/29 at Georgia/vs. North Florida
 2/4 at Kansas
 2/6 at Kansas State
 2/11-13 at ITA National Indoors
 2/18 vs. Iowa State
 2/25 at Denver
 2/27 at Colorado
 3/7 Minnesota
 3/18 Ohio State
 3/20 Penn State
 3/26 at Indiana
 3/27 at Purdue
 4/1 Illinois
 4/3 Northwestern
 4/8 at Maryland
 4/10 at Rutgers
 4/14 at Michigan State
 4/17 Michigan
 4/23 at Nebraska
 4/27-5/1 Big Ten Tournament

Volleyball (0-2, 0-0 Big Ten)

8/28 vs. Duke * L 2-3
 at Coastal Carolina * L 0-3
 9/3 vs. Colorado ^
 9/4 vs. #4 Washington ^
 9/9 Syracuse +
 9/10 Ball State +
 9/11 Iowa State +
 9/17 at Incarnate Word %
 at Air Force %
 9/18 at Denver
 9/22 Illinois
 9/25 at Nebraska
 10/1 Michigan State
 10/2 Michigan
 10/6 at Wisconsin
 10/9 Purdue
 10/13 at Illinois
 10/16 Northwestern
 10/20 Nebraska
 10/23 at Northwestern
 10/29 at Michigan State
 10/30 at Michigan
 11/5 Indiana
 11/6 Wisconsin
 11/11 Minnesota
 11/13 Maryland
 11/19 at Ohio State
 11/21 at Indiana
 11/26 at Rutgers
 11/27 at Penn State
 * at Coastal Carolina Invite
 ^ at PAC-12/Big Ten Challenge - Champaign, Illinois
 + Cy-Hawk Series Tournament
 % at Mile High Invite - Colorado Springs, Colorado

SEPTEMBER REPORT TO THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

FIELD HOCKEY

Head Coach: Lisa Cellucci

Season Record: 2-0 Overall (0-0 Big Ten)

Next Event: Saturday vs. New Hampshire at 2 p.m. (Boston, Mass.)

Notables: The third-ranked University of Iowa field hockey program opened the 2021 season with two victories in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge for the first time in program history (the event started in 2002). The Hawkeyes defeated No. 11 Wake Forest, 5-3, in the season opener before downing No. 1 North Carolina, 3-1, on Aug. 29. The win over the Tar Heels was the program's first since 2008, which was also the last time Iowa has notched a win over a No. 1 ranked opponent.

Senior Maddy Murphy scored two goals and tallied two assists to lead Iowa's offensive surge. Seven different Hawkeyes scored at least one goal in the first two contests.

FOOTBALL

Head Coach: Kirk Ferentz

Season Record: 0-0 Overall (0-0 Big Ten)

Next Event: Saturday vs. Indiana at 2:40 p.m. (Kinnick Stadium - Iowa City - BTN)

Notables: Iowa kicks off the season with consecutive games against Top 20 opponents, hosting #17 Indiana before traveling to Ames to face #7 Iowa State.

In opening the season in Kinnick Stadium, the Hawkeyes will play their first home game on Duke Slater Field. The field was named in honor of Slater over the summer, honoring the former All-American and Pro Football Hall of Famer.

The Hawkeyes are ranked No. 18 in the preseason polls as Moon Family head coach Kirk Ferentz begins his 23rd season as Iowa's head coach. Iowa posted a 6-2 record in 2020, winning its final six games of the season. A final regular season home game (Michigan) and the Music City Bowl (Missouri) were canceled due to COVID-19.

SOCCER

Head Coach: Dave Dilanni

Season Record: 3-1 Overall (0-0 Big Ten)

Next Event: Thursday vs. Purdue-Fort Wayne at 6 p.m. (Iowa Soccer Field - Iowa City)

Notables: Iowa returns all but one senior from last spring's team that won the Big Ten Tournament and earned the program's first NCAA Tournament victory.

Freshman Kenzie Roling leads Iowa with four points and two goals scored. She was named Big Ten Player of the Week after netting a pair of goals in Iowa's first two games of the season. Senior Sara Wheaton was named Big Ten defensive player of the week by leading Iowa to a pair of victories in the first week of the season.

A 2-1 victory over Iowa State on Aug. 26 gave Iowa a 2-0 lead in the annual Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series. Wheaton scored the game-winning goal in the second half.

VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Vicki Brown

Season Record: 0-2 Overall (0-0 Big Ten)

Next Event: at Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge vs. Colorado on Friday at 4 p.m. (Champaign, Ill.)

Notables: Senior Courtney Buzzerio's 28 kills against Duke was a career high and is tied for 13th most in a single game in school history. Sophomore Bailey Ortega recorded a career-high 45 assists against the Blue Devils. Senior Maddie Slagle recorded a career-high 22 digs against Duke. Senior Hannah Clayton moved to 18th all-time in school history in blocks (245), passing Laura Simpson. Junior transfer Mari Hinkle and freshman Addie VanderWeide made their Hawkeye debuts at the Coastal Carolina Invitational last weekend.