

Notes of the Presidential Committee on Athletics

Gerdin Athletic Learning Center

August 31, 2023

Members Present: Cavey Lang, Charlton, Foley Nicpon, Grosland, Hand, Hanley, Hollingworth, Kylsh, Moran, Pettys, Pierce, Raiber, Reisinger, Torner, Vogan, Voss.

Members Absent: Binns, Weinstein.

Also Present: Clerry (Senior Associate AD), Etsey (Associate AD), Goetz (Interim Athletics Director), Hilleman (Senior Associate AD), Holston (Assistant AD), Lehnertz (Senior VP for Finance and Operations), Modestou (Director of Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action and Compliance), Simcox (Associate Athletics Director), Tovar (Senior Associate Athletics Director/Associate VP of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion), Weitzel (Associate AD), Wilson (Executive Senior Associate Athletics Director).

Guests Present: President Barbara Wilson

Chair Torner called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 the May 6, 2023, PCA Minutes

Pettys moved to approve the May 6, 2023, minutes; Foley Nicpon seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was recorded from the Committee.

III. President Wilson

President Wilson started by thanking Torner for taking the role as chair of the Committee and the faculty, staff, and students for their commitment to the Committee. Wilson referenced athletics as the corridor to the University and her past experiences with students expressing their pride and enjoyment around Iowa Athletics.

Wilson introduced Goetz as the interim AD, addressing the role she plays in the President's Cabinet and the connection this brings between athletics and

the university. Wilson addressed athletics, including the graduation success rate, Big Ten academic honors, season ticket sell-outs, and navigating the constant changes in college athletics.

Questions were received and answered regarding priorities for the Committee, the conference expansion, and how the expansion affects athletics and the entire university.

IV. Student-Athlete Academic Success – Liz Tovar

Tovar introduced her team to the Committee. The Student-Athlete Academic Success (SAAS) team presented on the enclosed slide deck.

V. Election of Vice Chair

Reisinger nominated Jamie Cavey Lang for vice chair; Foley Nicpon seconded. Full approval was granted by the Committee.

VI. Announcements – Chair Torner

- A.*** PCA members are required to complete FERPA (Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act) Training. This training is to be completed before Subcommittee meetings.
- B.*** PCA medallion recognition will take place at halftime during the upcoming Iowa vs. Western Michigan football game on September 16, 2023.
- C.*** Be visible to the student-athletes; attend sporting events (especially non-ticketed events) and athletic-related programming.
- D.*** PCA Social will take place on October 5 directly following the PCA meeting.

VII. Subcommittee Reports

A. Academic Achievement – Hand

Meetings for the academic year have been set.

B. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Foley Nicpon

Meetings for the academic year have been scheduled.

C. Student-Athlete Well-Being – Reisinger

Subcommittee moved to approve proposed changes to the student-athlete code of conduct. Foley Nicpon moved to approve, Pierce seconded the motion. Unanimous approval was recorded from the Committee. The Subcommittee will be focusing on student-athlete mental health for the next few weeks.

VIII. ISAAC Report – Klysh

- A.*** ISAAC had its first meeting of the year last night.
- B.*** For the first time since covid ISAAC was able to participate in the all-Iowa SAAC Summit.
- C.*** Emphasis on professional development this year within ISAAC.
- D.*** Current projects:
 - 1.*** Donation drive for the Maui fires.
 - 2.*** Student-athlete kick-off event – Volleyball vs. Iowa State on September 5.
 - 3.*** Organizing a student org event for field hockey in October.

IX. NCAA Report / Athletics Director's Report – Goetz


- A.*** Goetz thanked the Committee for their engagement, time, and effort in serving our student-athletes.
- B.*** The goal of the Committee is to serve the mission of the University.
- C.*** Goetz highlighted the following success within the Athletics Department:
 - 1.*** Success of current in-season sports.
 - 2.*** Ticket sales – specifically relating to football and women's basketball.
 - 3.*** The conference is spending significant time on scheduling with the recent Big Ten expansion.

4. Athletics is working with the NCAA through the reinstatement process for student-athletes who are tied to sports wagering issues.
5. Gymnastics and Spirit squad facility will be brought to the Board of Regents in September for approval.
6. The wrestling facility is set to be completed mid to late spring of 2024.

Goetz opened the floor to questions from the Committee.

X. Adjourn

- A. The meeting concluded at 5:12 p.m.



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