

Mastodon Athletics Advisory Subcommittee

Monday 3/18 10-11 AM, GC246

Minutes

Attendees: Michelle Parker, Kelley Hartley-Hutton, Rachel Holycross, Troy Tonner, Barton Price, Julia Smith, Roy Danielian, Jens Clegg, Talia Bugel

Absent: Michelle Shaw, Farah Combes, Chris Kuznar, Kate White, Nurgul Aitalieva

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Jersey Retirement
 - a. Kelley Hartley-Hutton discussed the Jersey Retirement memo from 1992 that is still in effect. She will be working on a new draft of the memo for feedback from the MAAS subcommittee to look over.
3. Faculty Senate
 - a. MAAS Senate Committee Membership Verbiage
 - i. Worked on clarifying the current verbiage in the Senate bylaws as it pertains to MAAS membership and who has voting rights. The version of the new requirements that will be forwarded to Senate for adoption is:

"5.3.4.3.1. Membership: The Mastodon Athletics Advisory Subcommittee shall consist of eight Voting Faculty and Lecturers elected by the Senate in such manner that at least four of the Major Units shall be represented; the Faculty Athletics Representative (ex officio, voting, chair); the Athletic Director (ex-officio, nonvoting), the senior women's athletic administrator (ex-officio, nonvoting); the NCAA Compliance Coordinator (ex officio, nonvoting); one PFW alumnus/alumna (voting) appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with the administrator of alumni relations; an administrative/professional staff member appointed by the Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Council (voting) , a support staff member appointed by the Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee (voting); one student selected by the Student Government (voting). The Chair of the Senate shall annually request that Student Government select the student representative and they shall serve for one year term. The administrative/professional staff and the support staff representatives shall serve up to a two year term. All terms to commence one week before the beginning of regular fall classes.

- b. New Proposed Senate Committee Structure
 - i. Solicited feed back on the new restructuring proposal of faculty senate subcommittees sent to us by the Executive Committee. Feedback returned to Executive was the following:
 1. The committee is a bit concerned with going to 3 faculty members. While this meets the goals of decreasing the needs, it was unanimously stated that faculty continue to scrutinize athletics and if we have less faculty on the committee will there be further issues that there wasn't enough faculty voice on athletics. This could deeply impact such major issues as League affiliation and schedules.

2. For the Membership portion of the by-laws (5.1), there were a couple of issues:
 - a. We will be submitting a resolution this month to change the requirement of the student government from 2 to 1. So there would be 4 not 5 representatives.
 - b. This does not denote who is voting and non-voting. The AD, SWA and Compliance are all non-voting. The other 8 are Voting (3 Faculty, 1 FAR and 4 Representatives)
 - c. Per the bylaws it states that the composition of the subcommittees must be 1/3 senators and 2/3 voting faculty.

* If this is the "rule" then our MAAS membership is in violation as we would have 4 voting faculty (3 + 1 FAR) and 4 representatives (alumnus, SGA, APSAC and CSSAC) which would put us at 50%.

* It has never been specifically stated (or may just enforced) we must have a Senator on the committee. To achieve 1/3 Senators, we would need to have 2.64 faculty senators on the committee (33% of 8). That limits our membership possibilities in that all must be a Senator unless the FAR is considered a Senator.

4. Chancellor's Spring Update – Wed 3/20

- a. Meeting with the Chancellor to update him on FAR & MAAS on 3/20. It was brought up to ask the Chancellors input on going to 3 faculty members for the subcommittee.

5. Faculty Involvement in Mastodon Athletics (FIMA)

- a. Update on past initiatives
 - i. Don Zone Training – held second training class on 3/15 with 16 participants
 - ii. ETCS Night at MBB – had 74 faculty/staff/students/friends attend night at MBB game on 2/7
 - iii. Very Important Professor Night
 1. Women's Basketball honored 2 faculty members representing 3 students at game on 2/14

6. Important Dates:

- a. Men's Basketball (CIT) – Wednesday May 20th (away) vs. Bowling Green
Women's Basketball (WNIT) – Wednesday May 20th (home) vs. Eastern KY
- b. Pride Awareness
 - i. 3/20 Women's Softball 2-5 PM Free Hot Cocoa
 - ii. 3/22 Men's Baseball 3-5 PM Free Hot Cocoa
- c. Stomp the Stigma Nights – 3/22 men's volleyball, 4/5 baseball, 5/3 Softball

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Friday 10/6 12-1 PM

Agenda and Minutes

Present: Michelle Parker (chair), Kate White, Troy Tonner, Barton Price, Farah Combs, Talia Bugel, Tamara Cummings, Rachel Holycross (ex-officio, non-voting), Kelley Hartley-Hutton ((ex-officio, non-voting), Chris Kuznar (ex-officio, non-voting)

Absent: Nurgul Aitalieva

Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Discuss Men's Basketball home competition on Saturday 12/16
 - a. Kelley Hartley-Hutton, Athletic Director, discussed a situation where the Men's basketball team is scheduled to compete on the Saturday of Final Exam. Per Senate bylaws, no athletic contests are to occur during finals week. After careful analysis of all men's basketball roster player's final exam schedule, all players will have their final exams completed before the competition occurs on Saturday 12/16. Committee unanimously agreed to allow the competition to occur since it will not interfere with any scheduled final exams and all exams will be completed.
3. Discuss Faculty Senate Charge to add Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC) to MAAS Committee
 - a. The committee unanimously voted to add a seat for a CSSAC representative. University Resource Policy Committee was notified of the approval and we requested they start the process of amending the bylaws.
4. Nominations to fill 2 vacancies on MAAS (1 must come from COS, COE or DSB other can come for any college)
 - a. Nomination received for Jens Clegg (COLA) to fill one of the vacancies and the vote was unanimous in favor of adding Jens Clegg to the subcommittee.
 - b. Asked MAAS members to nominate someone from COS, COE or DSB to fulfill the other faculty vacancy. Received no nominations, tabled until next meeting.
5. Chancellor's Report on Intercollegiate Athletics
 - a. Reviewed the 2021-22 Chancellor's Report on Intercollegiate Athletics before it is presented to the Chancellor.
 - b. There was a question about the attendance figures. We will be confirming that these are correct before submitting to the Chancellor.
6. DEI Attestation

- a. Chris Kuznar presented our NCAA DEI Attestation and oriented the committee with the DEI initiatives within Athletics
 - b. Student-athletes will be participating in the 6th annual Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign by having their photo taken along with a statement of what is belonging. These will be used on the PFW athletics, individual teams and student athlete's social media platforms.
7. Faculty Involvement in Mastodon Athletics (FIMA) Update
- a. 2 initiatives were launched this year. New faculty night was held at Party at the Pitch women's soccer game. All new faculty who were part of the New Faculty Institute this fall were invited to attend. The second was the inaugural Don Zone training where 15 PFW faculty/staff attended a 2 hour training on PFW Athletics and attended a PFW Women's volleyball game.
 - b. Future Initiatives that are currently being planner
 - i. Very Important Professor/Professional Night 2/3/24 w/WBB & MVB
 - ii. Don Zone Training – 2/15/24 w/WBB VS Milwaukee
 - iii. New Faculty Night – 3/6/24 w/MVB VS Ohio State

Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM