*Athletics Policy Committee*

March 27, 2018

Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** David, Gary, Greg, Jessica, Mike, Deena, Helena, Manisha, Lauren

State of the Department:

**Collaboration with OIA, Student Affairs**

* Celebration tonight

**Team visited Annapolis yesterday**

* Opportunity for UMBC athletics to get additional funding

**Hosting Track Championships in Early May**

* Finalizing facilities projects to prepare

**Strategic Plan**

* People want to revisit Strategic Plan after winning
* Draft is done, happy with the pictures and text but have to get it to various committees

**Giving Day**

* Huge success for Athletics – raised $23,000 ; in a variety of teams
* Partner with OIA to see what looks like in future
* Got the word out with social media, other mediums in the future

**Q: What is the financial impact of going to the NCAA tournament?**

* NCAA pick up some of the travel
* All the money goes to the conference and then the conference decides how that is dispersed to the schools – hoping to recoup most of the money this year, you get it in credits that is equivalent to a certain amount of money for the next 5 years

**Q: What is the status of naming this building?**

* There is a prospect

**Q: Any issues the committee will be working on?**

* Request to do a mini retreat?
* An action plan?

**Faculty questions about pricing and security in the event center – “That didn’t happen in the RAC”**

* We’re not in the RAC – this is what things look like now
  + Prices reflect an event center
* A look at other schools in the conference: At the higher end of season tickets but
* Faculty issue with there not being a faculty discount – no other school has that in the conference other than UMass
* Faculty tickets will always be offered through university tickets and those are discounted – have talked to the box office people to make sure people still get their ticket after window closes
  + Have to make sure to sign in from email – clearer directions
* Not far off from the other schools – some other schools even have licensing fees
* At any other venue there is security and that will remain
* One of the benefits of moving mid-season is that there were 7 games to sort things out to help things flow smoother in the future
  + Too many ushers, too much security – but security will still remain
* There’s a cost to move to the next level – with Event Center
* Comments that students understand the Athletic fee going up if it means having a winning team

**Q: As a student-athlete what is the status of hiring a head athletic trainer?**

* Concern among student athletes about hierarchy, disconnect and flow
* Cindy Kubiak retired last summer
* Did not yield the pool of candidates hoped for, the search was never field
* Brian Amenta from strength and conditioning interim director of sports med, been serving in dual capacity
* Worked through procurement to provide some relief for physical therapy
* Just now posted this position after basketball season – better timing
  + 3 people have applied already
  + Hope to have someone here by June 1
  + Not public timing yet

**Q: Is there a plan to move to a higher class?**

* Conversation could still be on the table
* Opportunity to go back and do something like Retriever Rally closer to the seasons and bring some exciting teams here

**RAC**

* Process of architect being chosen
* Media center did interview to present to legislature