

**Notes from MUW Athletics Committee (Phase I) Meetings**  
**September 12, 2012, and October 30, 2012**

The Committee recommended that the University consider reinstating athletics. There were no dissenting views. The issues identified by the Committee for the University's consideration reflect the importance of the financial investment necessary to create and maintain a vibrant athletic program.

I. Financial considerations

- A. Dressing rooms
- B. Athletic training
- C. Support services
- D. Insurance for athletes
- E. Medical services
  - 1. Access to orthopedic services
  - 2. Access to dental services
  - 3. Access to internal medicine
  - 4. Catastrophic insurance
  - 5. Hospitals or clinics should be approached about providing services
- F. Non-athletic equipment requirements (e.g., lightning equipment)
- G. Travel
  - 1. MUW covers transportation, or
  - 2. Outside company provides transportation
  - 3. Coach should not be bus driver
- H. Corporate sponsorships would generate revenue
- I. Maintaining and upkeep on facilities
  - 1. Current facilities available on campus
    - a. Softball
    - b. Basketball

- c. Volleyball
    - d. Tennis
  - 2. Community facilities available for use
    - a. New soccer complex
    - b. Consider arrangements with other entities to share facilities
- J. Private fundraising will be crucial to success of athletic program

## II. Athletic administration

- A. Positions
  - 1. Athletic Director
  - 2. Head coaches (turnover could be an issue)
  - 3. Assistant coaches
  - 4. Sports Information Director
  - 5. Athletic trainers
  - 6. Strength and conditioning coach
  - 7. Administrative assistant (will more than one be needed?)
  - 8. Academic support services for athletes
- B. Recruiting
  - 1. Full time recruiters needed
  - 2. Full time recruiter cannot be the head coach because of time constraints
  - 3. Recruiters should not teach (time constraints)
- C. Attendance at conventions and conference meetings for athletic personnel
- D. Need to hire staff one year before beginning competition
- E. Reporting structure for athletics
  - 1. To Student Affairs (Vanderbilt model)
  - 2. To President through Athletic Director (typical model)

3. Other possibilities?
- III. Choosing athletic association
    - A. NCAA Division III
    - B. NAIA
    - C. United States Collegiate Association
    - D. Club sports
      1. This could be the initial entry into athletics
      2. These teams could play exhibition games
  - IV. Conference affiliation is considered essential
    - A. Unbiased officials/referees
    - B. Travel
    - C. Scheduling
  - V. Effect on current University operations
    - A. Effect athletics would have on University priorities
    - B. Must be regular communications between academics and athletics
    - B. Impact on grounds and custodial workers
    - C. Impact of athletes' practice times on regular students
      1. E.g., Weightlifting
      2. Will we have to lose classrooms to have dressing rooms?
      3. Use of facilities: athletes' time vs. members' time
    - D. Will current staff take on additional duties?
  - VI. Title IX compliance
  - VII. Community involvement
    - A. Recruit generally local students – families will follow
    - B. Plan activities with community in mind

- C. Recognize different parts of community during games
- D. Athletics can enhance quality of life
- E. Athletics creates more events that could bring people to campus
- F. Start an MUW Hall of Fame

VIII. Possible sports mentioned

- A. Softball
- B. Volleyball
- C. Basketball
- D. Tennis
- E. Soccer
- F. Archery
- G. Track/cross-country
- H. Rowing
- I. Lacrosse
- J. Swimming
- K. Golf
- L. Others?
- M. What sports are growing and popular in high schools today?

IX. Other positives from athletics

- A. Student-athletes did well academically when University had an athletic program
- B. Athletics will also generate some revenue
- C. Athletes bring other students/increase enrollment

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