The third meeting of Athletic Committee for the 2009-10 academic year was brought to order at 3:00 pm in the Red Cedar Room at the Student Center. Those in attendance were:

Brian Huffman – Chair
Richard Bowen – Athletic Director
Melissa Wilson
Kevin McLaughlin
Kenneth Ecker
Victoria Houseman

Minutes Approved
The minutes from the October 19, 2009 meeting were passed out. Melissa made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ken. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Procedures for Wednesday Night’s Meeting
There was an extended debate about how things should proceed Wednesday night. The committee consensus was that the meeting should proceed as follows:

- Members of the Committee may sit wherever they like, but will be asked to introduce themselves at the start.
- Brian will explain how we got to this point. He will go over…
  - details related to the swimming and diving program in the 7-Year Review of the Athletic Department (dated January 22, 2008),
  - the subsequent pool failure, and
  - the Athletic Director’s recommendation to the Chancellor.
- Brian will explain the Committee’s task as making a recommendation to the Chancellor regarding the future of the swimming and diving program based on 8 considerations spelled out in the University’s Procedures for Terminating or Suspending a Varsity Sport.
- Brian will let the audience know that the committee has no position at this point since we have not gathered all the facts or done as much analysis as we hope to do. He will point out that this necessarily means that they cannot answer questions such as “Why not just keep the program at the River Falls High School?” since no decision has been made on that point or on any other.
- Finally, Brian will say that the intention tonight is to let people have their say, but that the committee would like to finish in about 2 hours. He therefore asks that …
  - With the exception of those with special standing (the Coach, etc.) or who have taken a great deal of time producing prepared statements, please limit your comments to 5 minutes.
That speakers please introduce themselves so that information can be recorded in our minutes.

To supply me with a copy of any presentations that they have written out so that I can provide the members of the committee with a copy and put a copy in our minutes.

Procure for Writing the Final Report

It was decided that Rick Bowen would not take part in the final vote since his position is spelled out in his *Summary Report: Considerations for Suspending or Terminating a Varsity Sport.*

It was also decided that should the Committee’s recommendation not be unanimously supported, two reports (a majority and minority report) will be written. The following schedule for the completion of this work was agreed to by consensus:

- Wednesday October 28, 2009 – Public Hearing
- End of the day Friday Oct. 30. - Initial write-up of facts pertinent to the 8 considerations.
- November 2 – 6. The write-up circulates among the Committee members via email and edits are made as recommended by the members.
- November 9, 2009 at 3:00 pm. A final meeting on this issue takes place and a vote is taken.
- The Chancellor and Faculty Senate are told of the result of the vote and are sent the majority (and if necessary) the minority report as soon as possible (a day or two later).
- The Faculty Senate is, of course, free to comment directly to the Chancellor.

Misc.

Kevin asked Rick for more details regarding how eliminating the swimming and diving program would affect UWRF in terms of Title IX. Specifically he asked for data regarding how our position in the conference might change vis-à-vis Title IX.

Rellen Hardtke, an Associate Prof. of Physics here at UWRF, came to the meeting representing the River Falls Board of Education. She wanted the record to reflect the fact that one of the Board’s goals was to increase the collaboration between the River Falls School System and the University. She noted that, given that new goal, the High School would be happy to continue sharing their swimming pool with the University Swimming and Diving Team.

This meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Huffman
Chair, Athletic Committee