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Athletics to Board of Governors
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MSSU Athletics Report

1. Sport Program Reports

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- a. **Football** – The Missouri Southern football team wrapped up the season last week at Pittsburg State. The Lions had six named to the All-MIAA team, including juniors Mike Dzierzega and Aaron Leo at offensive line, senior Chris Williams at defensive line, sophomores Alexander Wade (Safety) and Roc Robbins (Linebacker), as well as freshman Carter Rees at defensive back.
- b. **Cross Country** – The Missouri Southern men's and women's cross country teams were in action at the 2017 NCAA Division II Central Region meet recently. The men finished second with two All-Region performers (Nickson Kiptoo and Tyler Rush) and qualified for the Division II National Championships this weekend. The women finished 13th in the region.
- c. **Volleyball** – The Missouri Southern volleyball team finished up the regular season this past weekend and placed three on the All-MIAA team. The Lions best overall record since 2010 and the best conference finish since 2011. The team ranked fifth in the league in total blocks and 32nd nationally. Freshmen Janelle Brehm and Morgan Nash, as well as sophomore Alicia Pickett were all named All-MIAA.
- d. **Golf** – The Missouri Southern golf team finished up the fall portion of its schedule in late October. The Lions currently sit in sixth place in the MIAA standings heading into the spring season which will begin on March 19.
- e. **Soccer** – The Missouri Southern soccer team finished the 2017 season with the program's first appearance in the MIAA Tournament since 2012. The team was picked to finish 11th in the preseason poll, but finished fifth due in large part to four-straight shutouts to end the season. The Lions had one All-MIAA performer in senior Ronise Miller.
- f. **Men's and Women's Basketball** – The Missouri Southern men's and women's basketball teams opened up the regular season last weekend with the women hosting the MIAA/GAC Challenge and the men playing at Pittsburg State in the MIAA/NSIC Challenge. The women will play at Truman State on Saturday, while the men will host Missouri-St. Louis on Saturday.

3. MIAA News:

- a. A Taskforce has been in full swing for the last month and a half regarding the MIAA Webcasting Network. I am a member of the taskforce but have relied heavily on both Randon Coffey and Justin Maskus regarding the expertise. Currently have a plan for the Fall and Winter sports to include webcasting of FB, MBB, WBB and VB for all universities. In the process of creating a "Minimum Standards Guide" and the most significant issue is the committee reviewing options to as whether or not the MIAA is willing to go to "Free for view" vs. "Pay for View".
- b. Officiating committee will be meeting in January to review compensation packages, etc. I am a member of that committee.
- c. Currently working with MIAA Commissioner on reviewing the current football scheduling regarding other options including divisions, end of the season conference championship game, non-conference game, protecting a rivalry game, etc.

4. NCAA News:

a. NCAA Reporting:

- i. New directives from the NCAA Board of Governor's regarding Title IX Training and Sexual Violence. While this was passed by the NCAA Board of Governor's, it is not entirely clear on what this exactly means regarding documentation, expectations of the training and what exactly should be covered in the training, however we do know that we need to meet those unknown expectations by the end of the Spring of 2018. We will meet the general expectations with the help of Julie Wengert and some of her staff and expertise.

5. Departmental News:

a. NCAA Compliance:

i. ISSG update:

1. This year is our reporting year
2. Committees are being formed and review of last ISSG has been preliminarily completed
3. Gender Equity and Diversity Committee notes indicate a need for a Women's Sport Addition. Discussions have been underway regarding the best fit for this at MSSU, the region and conference affiliations.

b. Departmental Positional Searches:

- i. (2) Sports Medicine Positions remain open.
- ii. Strength and Conditioning – Chris Seroka, the previous Head S&C at University of North Texas was hired to fill the position. We are extremely excited about having such a qualified coach joining our pride at MSSU.

a. Marketing:

- i. Basketball season is underway. On Friday November 10th over 300 4th grade students from Webb City and Carl Junction attended the women's first game of 2017.
- ii. At the December 9th basketball game the annual Toy Toss will be held. Fans are encouraged to bring stuffed animals to throw onto the court during halftime of the men's game and the toys will be donated to kids locally.

b. SAAC:

- i. The annual student athlete canned food drive was held during the week of Halloween. Last year the student athletes collected around 5,000 canned food items. The goal this year was 6,000 and the group collected 6,300 cans that were donated to Soul's Harbor on November 1st.
- ii. The All-Athlete Talent Show was held on November 7th featuring 12 different acts from the teams. The event raised \$350 for area non-profit organizations.
- iii. The focus for this year will on more community engagement through community service.

6. Lionbackers & Annual Campaign(s):

a. With the beginning of basketball we expect our last membership push to end mid december

- i. Current membership is at 276
- ii. As of yesterday this is an increase of 23 members from last year
- iii. This is expected to be the largest contributions we have received from Lionbacker Membership

7. Athletic Facility Updates:

- a. L&P: Bleacher repair has been postponed until a later date. Paul Gooch (school electrician) has re-wired one side and the other side is mechanically fixed. He will do vice-versa coming up soon.
- b. Warren Turner Field: Turf on mound will need to be replaced. There are also new backstop pads that will be installed this fall.

- c. CC course is having lots of foliage removed to clear up the course.
- d. Fencing or line of bushes is being reviewed for along Duquesne to force students to cross at the crosswalks along with additional signage
- e. Lights above the Robert Corn Court have been replaced with High Efficiency Lighting that is estimated to save substantial dollars within the first year to pay for the upgrade

f. Cross Country Course

- a. Nov 17 – Kinesiology 5K run at 2 p.m.

g. Hal Bolden Field

- a. Nov 4 – Veteran's Run

h. Hughes Stadium

- a. Nov 4 – vs. Lindenwood at 2 p.m.
- b. Nov 5 – Jolplin Crusaders Try-Outs 2-4 p.m.
- c. Nov 9 – 5:30-8:30 p.m. MSSU Gold Program on the track
- d. Nov 11 – Demize Academy Soccer Try-Outs 5-7 p.m.
- e. Nov 12 – 1-5 p.m. Walk-A-Thon for Special Olympics sponsored by Kinesiology

i. L&P Athletic Center –

- a. Nov 2 – MBB Scrimmage vs Drury 4 p.m.
- b. Nov 7 – WBB vs Livin the Dream at 7 p.m.
- c. Nov 9 – Show Me Gold (Veteran's Sponsored Fitness test) 6-8 p.m.
- d. Nov 11-12 – WBB Tournament (4 games over Friday and Saturday)
- e. Nov 14 – Celebration of School 6-9 p.m.
- f. Nov 18 – MBB vs UMSL at 3:30 p.m.
- g. Nov 26 – WBB vs Avila at 3 p.m.
- h. Nov 27 – WBB vs Ottawa at 3 p.m.

j. NEZ Facility –

- a. Nov 1 – Football Press Conference in the Alumni Room 11-1 p.m.
- b. Nov 3 – Lion Pride Lunch in Alumni room 12-1 p.m.
- c. Nov 4 – President's Game Day Gathering in the Academic Room
- d. Nov 5 – Wedding shower in Alumni Room for Julie Wengert
- e. Nov 6 – FCA Meeting in the Alumni Room from 7-8 p.m.
- f. Nov 7 – Head Coaches Meeting in the Alumni Room 9 a.m.
- g. Nov 9 – International Luncheon in the Alumni Room 12-1 p.m.
- h. Nov 11 – Football Pre-Game Meal in the Alumni Room from 9-11 a.m.
- i. Nov 14 – Lionbacker Steering Committee Meeting in the Alumni Room 7-8:30 p.m.
- j. Nov 15 – All Team meeting in the Alumni Room from 9-10 a.m. Nov 16 – Foundations Board Meeting in the Alumni Room from 12-3 p.m.
- k. Nov 16 – Paint with the Lions in the Academic Room at 6 p.m.
- l. Nov 17 – Student Meeting with Chelsea Conley in the Alumni Room 5-6 p.m.
- m. Nov 20 – FCA Meeting in the Alumni Room 7-8 p.m.
- n. Nov 28 – Legislative Preview Brunch w/ Dr. Hodson in the Alumni Room from 10-11:30 a.m.

k. Warren Turner Baseball Field –

- a. Regular Practice schedule for baseball

l. Pat Lipira Softball Fields –

- a. Regular Practice schedule for softball

m. Young Gym –

- a. Nov 2 – JVMBB vs KCKCC at 6 p.m.
- b. Nov 3 – VB vs NWMSU at 7 p.m.
- c. Nov 4 – VB vs UCM at 6 p.m.
- d. Nov 11 – 11:45-1:15 p.m. College Heights Youth BB practice
- e. Nov 15 – JVMBB vs Central Methodist at 5:30 p.m.
- f. Nov 20 – 6:15-7:45 p.m. College Heights youth BB practice

