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FACULTY ATHLETIC COMMITTEE  
December 4, 1967 - 10:20 a.m.  
Student Center - Room 105

Members:

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<th>Dr. John D. Minton, Chairman</th>
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<td>Dr. H. L. Stephens, Vice Chairman</td>
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<td>Mr. Bennie P. Beach</td>
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The regular monthly meeting of the Faculty Athletic Committee was called to order by the Chairman, Dr. John Minton. All members of the Committee were present with the exception of Dean Dero Downing, Mr. Owen Lawson, and Dr. John Scarborough. Members of the coaching staff present were Messrs. Ted Hornback, Joe Bugel, Nick Denes, Jimmy Feix, Turner Elrod, Frank Griffin, Wallace Sydnor, and Gerald Oglesby.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes of the November meeting. Each member had previously received a copy of the minutes. There were no additions or corrections, and the minutes stood as being correct and approved.

Dr. Minton brought the group up to date on the business held over from the previous meeting—that of securing a golf course for the use of the Western golf team. Dr. Minton further stated that in a meeting with the President, it was made clear that there is no question as to how the institution stands as far as signing any agreement or any commitment that would in any way infringe upon a player's right because of his race or color. The University would in no way approve this.

Mr. Beach, chairman of the committee on golf facilities, reported that following further discussion with the Board of the Bowling Green Country Club, their action was to close the invitation previously extended to Western to use the golf course. Mr. Griffin reported that he had met with the Indian Hills Country Club; and they will permit Western to play three matches on their course, with the understanding that Western's privilege to play may be revoked at any time. Mr. Griffin feels that when the Indian Hills Club learns that the Bowling Green Country Club has withdrawn their invitation, they will probably follow the same action.

After discussion, the Chairman ruled that the committee must have further study on this matter and that this must be done as soon as possible. The committee is composed of Mr. Beach, Dean Downing, Mr. Hornback, Dr. Nash, and Mr. Griffin. The Chairman instructed the committee to try to come up with a report that is acceptable.
The Chairman called for any further business. Mr. Hornback mentioned that the coaches should be aware that the spring sports schedules should be completed so that they could be approved at the next meeting.

Mr. Hornback reminded the committee that Coach Denes is retiring as head football coach and that Coach Elrod will also be retiring as a coach. (The Faculty Athletic Committee had not yet been officially informed of Coach Elrod's retirement.) Dr. Minton mentioned the fact that Gene Rhodes, a basketball coach, had left Western to become coach of the Kentucky Colonels, a professional team.

Dr. Stephens made the motion that the Athletic Committee write a letter expressing appreciation and commendation to Coach Denes for his service and the progress made in the area of football during his years as coach. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beach and carried.

Dean Cochran made the motion that a letter be sent to Gene Rhodes expressing appreciation for his service to the University. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beach and carried.

Coach Denes said that this would probably be the last time he would be in an Athletic Committee meeting, and he wanted to express his gratitude and that of Coach Elrod for the cooperation and encouragement that the Athletic Committee had given the football program. They could not have worked under a more favorable climate than here at Western. They will have many, many pleasant memories of their coaching years and he wanted to thank each member individually and collectively for the help given the program. He concluded his statement by saying that it had been a pleasure to be at Western.

As there was no further business, Dean Cochran made the motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Dr. Nash and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcella C. Brashear
Secretary

cc: President Kelly Thompson