

The **Intercollegiate Athletics Committee** met last week to update Campus Assembly on activities within the Athletic Programs.

Steph Helgeson, Athletic director started with reporting that the mission of the UMC Athletic Program centers on the well being of the student athletes. Intercollegiate athletics provide an opportunity for educational growth, personal growth and development. In addition to the varsity team participation, students take part in NCAA Community engagement initiatives, Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), NFL youth football, team fundraisers, volunteer work and opportunities to attend the NCAA leadership academy. Since 2003, UMC has received nearly 130,000 dollars in grant funding.

We also talked about how additional or expanded degree programs would help in athletic recruitment with secondary education being an excellent recruiting tool for prospective athletes. Additional investments in scholarships and a proposed recreational center with additional facilities would help improve the competitiveness of UMC's athletic programs.

In NSIC news, the conference is going to expand to a 16 team league beginning Fall 2012 with the addition of Minot State and the University of Sioux Falls. Equestrian remains an emerging sport in NCAA D II.

Our last agenda item was discussion on priority registration for student athletes to be able to meet course demands along with practice demands. University of MN, Duluth has had this policy in place since 2004. Steph Helgeson and Jason Tangquist will be compiling data and more information in regards to this topic. We will also be working with Bill Peterson on the ability to receive timely data in regards to student athlete recruitment and retention statistics.

Are there any questions?

Thank You!