



MEDIA STATEMENT

As an institution, we feel that it is imperative to take swift and immediate action in response to what we have been informed by the NCAA are major allegations regarding our men's basketball program.

Initially we thought these were secondary violations, but we have been informed of four major violations.

Allegation #1: It is alleged that during the 2011-12 through 2015-16 academic years, the men's basketball coaching staff impermissibly directed, observed and engaged men's basketball student-athletes in athletically related activities outside the institution's declared playing seasons.

Allegation #2: It is alleged that in spring semesters between 2012 and 2015, the men's basketball coaching staff impermissibly observed approximately 16 men's basketball prospective student-athletes as they participated with men's basketball student-athletes in activities detailed in allegation #1.

Allegation #3: It is alleged that during the 2011-12 through 2015-16 academic years, Bob Semling did not demonstrate that he promoted an atmosphere for compliance within the men's basketball program due to his personal involvement in the alleged violations.

Allegation #4: It is alleged that between the 2011-12 academic year and the fall 2015, the scope and nature of the violations detailed in Allegations 1 and 2 demonstrate that the institution violated the principle of rules compliance when it failed to adequately monitor the men's basketball program's compliance with NCAA playing and practice seasons and tryout legislation.

Effective immediately, UW-Stevens Point men's basketball head coach Bob Semling will be suspended for the remainder of the 2016-17 season. Additionally, we will undergo a post-

season ban for the men's basketball program for this season, including the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament.

NCAA confidentiality rules prevent us from commenting further on specifics of the investigation at this time. While the investigation phase is complete, the NCAA process continues. We look forward to the day we can comment further. Here is Bylaw 32 of the NCAA rules, which outlines the process and the confidentiality agreement to which all involved are bound.

For the remainder of this season, current UW-Stevens Point associate head coach Kent Dernbach will serve as interim head coach.

Our commitment continues to be our student-athletes and to uphold the integrity of the entire athletics program.