University of Wisconsin Superior – October Diversity Spotlight Initiative

On Thursday, September 27 the University of Wisconsin-Superior had its inaugural Student Athlete Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting. This committee, structured similar to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, is comprised of two student-athletes from each of UW-Superior’s 19 varsity athletic programs. The committee’s work was formed with three goals in mind:

1) To be advocates of EDI values within each athletic team;
2) To get further train, educate and deepen the knowledge of what equity, diversity and inclusion means throughout the athletic department;
3) To help advise the athletics administration on how to better encompass Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

In the committee’s first meeting, the student-athletes were asked what changes they would like to see within the athletic department and how this committee can work to embody the EDI mission of the University of Wisconsin-Superior. In future meetings the committee will be taking part in Bystander Intervention Training, Unconscious Bias Training, Trans+ Training and Power Privilege and Oppression large impact to help increase the diversity and inclusivity within our department and our academic community as a whole.

This committee will also be putting on UW-Superior’s second annual Women in Leadership Symposium. Last year, the athletic department brought in over 20 female leaders to speak about six different career paths. This symposium allowed students to learn more about the specific struggles female leaders have historically faced and created a networking experience for those preparing to enter specific careers.

As the Student-Athlete Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee meets, we hope to gain a deeper knowledge of our department and institution as it relates to EDI. We believe more initiatives; events and a more intentional community will come from this committee.