

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Johnson Hall Conference Room

April 18, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT: James Earl, Dave Frohnmayer, Ken Kempner, Katy Lenn, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Janet Rose, Brad Shelton, Larry Singell, Richard Sundt, Melody Walz and Debbie Nankivell.

PAC-10 FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION

Professor Earl presented a resolution he plans to introduce at the May university senate meeting. The intent is to have each Pac-10 institution's faculty senate endorse the resolution which recommends that the Pac-10 presidents begin serious discussions aimed at moderating the growth of athletics. A copy of the resolution is attached.

President Frohnmayer stated that because seven of the ten Pac-10 institutions are also AAU members, discussing the importance of academics would be a good start. Dave feels the Pac-10 CEO's will probably be fairly supportive of this resolution because it will be difficult for most institutions to continue keeping up with the "arms race." He also serves on the NCAA board of directors and believes this issue is likely to be addressed at upcoming meetings.

Concerns were expressed regarding the inclusion of the bullet point from Myles Brand's essay regarding the formation of a men's basketball developmental league. Because this issue is a specific example of how to moderate athletics, rather than an area of concern to be discussed, it may need to be modified or deleted from the resolution's text to be most effective. Professor Earl will discuss whether to retain this bullet point in the resolution with other faculty senate presidents.

ATHLETICS REFORM DISCUSSION

President Frohnmayer stated that the Pac-10 presidents are against national football playoffs in the future. The Bowl Championship Series post-season structure is set to continue through 2006. Although there are concerns regarding the BCS, the Pac-10 Conference does not want to lose its longstanding association with the Big 10 and the Rose Bowl.

Skyrocketing coaches' salaries continue to raise concerns throughout the country, however, identifying how to curb these increases is not a simple matter. In one recent attempt, the NCAA lost a class action lawsuit when it was found that the creation of coaching positions with restricted salaries was unlawful. As a result of this lawsuit, the NCAA and its members were required to compensate affected coaches whose salaries had been capped.

President Frohnmayer also stated that intercollegiate athletics can serve as a window to the institution with the public visibility helping to bring tax payer support and increased donations to the university as a whole. Professor Sundt expressed his concern about the lack of progress in reforming the role of athletics in academic institutions.

President Frohnmayer was asked what he believes the role of the faculty is in reforming athletics. He said he will consider this issue further and get back to the committee with his thoughts on the subject.

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