

## **Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Meeting**

Conference Room, Casanova Center

February 18, 1997

**Committee Members and Guests Present:** Ralph Barnhard, Mike Benz, Judith Grosenick, Kelli McCartan, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Nani Sarosa, Susan Trafton, Barbara Walker, and Debbie Nankivell.

### **Academic Liaison Program**

Ralph Barnhard will prepare the first draft of a recommendation for the development of an academic liaison program. Ralph may request assistance from committee members prior to its submission at the next meeting.

### **NCAA Certification Self-Study**

Jim O'Fallon updated the committee regarding the NCAA certification self-study process. Members of the steering committee and the four sub-committees met with Bob Thomas, the NCAA liaison staff person, last week. The committee members were appointed by President Frohnmayer at the recommendation of Dan Williams. Duncan McDonald is the chair of the steering committee. The four sub-committees will deal primarily with equity, academic, compliance, and fiscal issues.

The sub-committee work will be done between now and June, 1997 following the NCAA prescribed self-study process. Sandy Walton is the Athletic Department liaison and Randy Buhr is her assistant. They will be able to assist in gathering information for the committees' review. The final self-study report must be completed ten weeks prior to the site team's visit in April of 1998. We plan to have the report finalized by mid-December.

The site visit team appointed by the NCAA will verify the accuracy of the self-study report and assess our operating principles. Approximately 4-6 months later, one of the following three decisions will be issued: Not certified, certified with conditions, or certified. The NCAA certification process will be repeated every ten years with an interim report due after five years.

Some members of the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee are serving on the certification committees. It is expected that the IAC committee will review and comment on the draft self-study next year. Policy issues will most likely be addressed by the IAC as well.

### **NCAA Athlete Welfare Legislation**

**Job Legislation.** Discussed the new NCAA legislation regarding student-athletes being able to hold jobs during the academic school year. This change was advocated by the Student-Athlete Advisory Board at the recent NCAA convention and is intended to benefit student-athletes. Student-athletes will be able to work after their first year, including paid internships which have been denied in the past. Student-athletes will only be able to earn

the difference in the amount of athletic aid they are receiving and the cost of attendance. The maximum will be about \$1,500 for most student-athletes.

A number of new issues arise from this change, including competition in recruiting; creating and managing a student-athlete job program; educating and monitoring student-athletes and their employers to ensure compliance with the rules; tracking earnings and if they are too high, deducting amounts received from scholarship money; dealing with the potential problem of poor grades if student-athletes are working and practicing and not studying; the possibility that the community could arrange to employ and pay some equivalency sport student-athletes so well that they would receive less scholarships; the possibility that some current donors would lower their donations substantially and provide jobs instead; developing team/department rules about eligibility to work (may depend on GPA, coach's preference).

**Fourth Year Eligibility Legislation.** Another new NCAA rule will affect a small number of student-athletes who due to academic problems have been designated as partial qualifiers and lost one year of eligibility. The change is for student-athletes who earn a baccalaureate degree in four years, who may now have a fourth year of eligibility as a post-graduate in their fifth year.

Pac-10 rules now limit the number of partial qualifiers who can compete to a total of four student-athletes per year, two men/two women, with only one participant per sport. Additional problems can occur when athletes graduate from high school and unexpectedly become partial qualifiers after having signed a letter of intent and another student-athlete in their sport is already designated as a partial qualifier.

Since general UO students are not required to take SAT/ACT tests for admission to the university, some walk-ons could become partial qualifiers in sports that already have partial qualifiers. A Pac-10 committee reviews all requests for waivers of eligibility requirements.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Intercollegiate Athletic Committee meeting has been scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 9, 1997** in **Heritage Hall in the Bowerman Building**. Future agenda items: Academic liaison program recommendation, the department's gender equity policy, and the department's minority plan.

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