

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room, Casanova Center

May 19, 1999

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Richard Clark, Gary Gray, Lynn Kahle, John Leahy, Steve McBride, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Brad Shelton, Nathan Tublitz, Toby Lewis, and Debbie Nankivell. Nathan introduced Toby Lewis, a visiting student from South Eugene High School, to the committee members.

Athletic Department Facilities Update

Steve McBride presented an overview of the Autzen Stadium expansion project which is currently under consideration by the department. The additional seating is necessary to generate increased revenue for the department to move toward self-sufficiency. The project is expected to be funded by outside sources with most, if not all, coming from donations. Chris Ramey, the university's architect, has participated in the planning process and will continue to be involved throughout the project.

A number of issues besides more seating would also be addressed with the expansion, including improved entries, increased seating available at the lower end of ticket prices, improved traffic circulation within the stadium, improved access with more gradual ramps, additional skyboxes, increased prime seating areas, improved concession, ticket and restroom facilities.

Ellerbe Becket, a Kansas City architectural firm, has provided preliminary conceptual designs for the expansion and is now working on more detailed design plans. A marketing firm has also been working with focus groups to determine how our customers feel about expanding Autzen and what changes they feel would be necessary for this project. This feedback will be included in the final plans Ellerbe Becket will make to the department in late June or early July. A final decision regarding the feasibility of the project is expected to be made by August.

Academic Advising Committee Update

Jim O'Fallon, the chair of the Academic Advising Committee, informed the group about the committee's charge and provided an update on the progress of the committee to date. The committee was appointed by John Moseley to review and analyze how well the UO's student-athletes' unique academic advising needs are currently being met. The committee has met and discussed the issue over the past few months. The committee will make a recommendation to John Moseley in an effort to improve the academic advising services provided to student-athletes.

NCAA Certification Update

The NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification announced in mid-May that the University of Oregon has been certified. This follows the institution's self-study and peer-review team evaluation conducted in April of 1998. Additional reports regarding progress toward gender equity will be completed later this year.

Booster Handbook

Discussed the department's Booster Handbook which is sent to Duck Athletic Fund members to remind boosters, alumni, faculty, staff and fans of the need to comply with NCAA and Pac-10 rules regarding contacts with student-athletes. The committee recommended that all faculty receive a copy of the handbook to help ensure compliance with NCAA requirements.

Contract Non-Renewal

Members of the committee voiced concern about the timing of an assistant coach's notice about her contract not being renewed. The committee felt the situation was very unfortunate as the assistant coach was let go well after the season ended at a time when other coaching opportunities would not be available to her. The committee suggested that the department review how non-renewals are handled so similar situations do not occur in the future.

Next Meeting

The next IAC meeting will be held in the fall. A new chair of the committee will be selected at that time. Before Bill left the meeting, he thanked all committee members for serving on the IAC, and singled out John Leahy for doing such a great job chairing this year's committee.

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