

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center

October 19, 2005

Committee Members and Guests Present: Mark Blaine, Bill Clever, Kenny Gates, Gary Gray, Julie Haack, Dave Heeke, Michael Moffitt, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Eric Pickard, George Rowe, Ed Singer, Nathan Tublitz, Whitney Wagoner, and Debbie Nankivell.

Men's Basketball Booklet

Distributed copies of a booklet produced by the Men's College Basketball Partnership and the NCAA which was designed to foster sportsmanship. Copies of the booklet will be distributed to various groups, including student-athletes, administrators, pit crew members, and boosters.

Arena Project Update

Bill Moos informed the committee about the recent \$1.3 million anonymous donation which was given to cover the costs of the design phase of the arena project. The gift is not a commitment to begin the project, rather to begin a necessary preliminary phase to obtain a realistic estimate of the cost to build the arena, if the project is to proceed.

2008 Olympic Trials

Last week's announcement that the 2008 Olympic Trials will be held at Hayward Field was great news for the Oregon Track Club, the university, the community, and the state of Oregon. The prestigious event has grown significantly since the last time it was held in Eugene. Athletics has committed to \$2-3 million in facility enhancements at Hayward Field which will be funded by donations.

Academic Progress Rate Overview

Bill Clever, assistant athletic director for compliance, distributed copies of information regarding the NCAA's new academic progress rate (APR) requirements. The APR is one of the final pieces of academic reform mandated by the NCAA. It is designed to give a snapshot of each sport's academic progress with the goal of improving student-athlete academics and graduation rates.

Ultimately, the report will cover a four year rolling cycle of data, however, the first report will focus on the most recent two year period. The system has been revised since it was first introduced to try and equalize the formulas for semester and quarter system institutions. Each student-athlete can earn up to a maximum of two points per term based upon maintaining eligibility and being enrolled for the next term.

If all members of a team remain eligible and are enrolled for the following term, the team APR will be 1,000. The cut line has been determined to be .925. As long as a team's APR is at .925 or above there will be no penalties assessed. If a team's APR is below .925, penalties will be assessed only for the student-athlete(s) who earned no points in any one term. The penalty is the loss, for one academic year, of the athletic aid that student was being awarded. The maximum loss of scholarships a team can receive in any one year is 10% per program.

An appeal process is expected to be available for situations with extenuating circumstances. Loss of scholarships may also be delayed for one year if a scholarship commitment has already been made to a student-athlete. IAC members will be informed when the two-year report card is expected to be announced publicly by the NCAA.

Although the goals behind APR reporting are ultimately positive for student-athletes and institutions, management of the process is difficult, especially when the rules keep changing. Coaches will need to take a closer look at potential recruits and focus on attracting and retaining student-athletes who are likely to succeed academically and graduate.

Offensive Mascot Issue Update

A handout was distributed listing institutions with Native American mascots which the NCAA has deemed to be offensive. Some institutions have appealed the NCAA decision and because they have tribal support have been approved to continue usage of the mascot. The department will continue to follow the process approved last spring regarding scheduling competitions with schools included on this list.

The university's stance for handling competitions with institutions with offensive mascots is as follows:

- \$ Department staff will be especially alert to the potential offense caused by the mascots of the institutions identified by the NCAA as having mascots related to Native American peoples.
- \$ Coaches will inform the Athletic Director whenever considering competition with one of the listed institutions.
- \$ If the competition is scheduled, the Athletic Director will inform the chair of the IAC.
- \$ Periodic summary reports of competitions scheduled with any of the listed institutions will be provided to the IAC.

Athletic Department All Staff Meeting

IAC members were invited to attend this year's athletic department all staff meeting on Friday, October 28th beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Pittman Room of the Casanova Center.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, in the Johnson Hall Conference Room.

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