

## **Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Meeting**

Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center

**October 23, 1997**

**Committee Members and Guests Present:** Dick Clark, Gary Gray, Ernie Kent, Steve Kevan, John Leahy, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Alan Stavitsky, and Debbie Nankivell.

### **Men's Basketball Program**

Ernie Kent, Head Men's Basketball Coach, updated the committee about the UO men's basketball program. Coach Kent expressed his commitment to creating a program that stresses the importance of academics to the overall success of the student-athletes. His approach is to focus on helping student-athletes prepare for the real world by ensuring that they are accountable in the classroom, on the court, as well as in life. Coach Kent plans to take advantage of all resources available at the university to assist his program's student-athletes.

### **Selection of IAC Chairperson for 1997/98**

Steve Kevan was nominated and selected (by a unanimous vote) to be the 1997/98 chairperson of the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee.

### **Senior Women's Administrator Search Update**

Bill Moos updated the group on the progress of the search for a Senior Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator to replace Barbara Walker. Five finalists will be interviewed over the next couple of weeks with a decision expected to be made by mid-November.

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

Jim O'Fallon informed the committee about the NCAA certification self-study process. Each subcommittee is currently completing a portion of the final report which will be submitted to the NCAA peer review committee. The peer review committee site visit will take place in April, 1998.

### **Status of Title IX Complaint**

The University of Oregon was one of 25 NCAA institutions named in a lawsuit last year alleging unequal allocations of athletic scholarship money to its female student-athletes. Pete Swan, the university's attorney, has responded to the Office of Civil Rights with detailed information explaining the cited discrepancies, such as the differences between in-state and out-of-state tuition rates, as well as some programs electing to hold or award partial scholarships during the year in question. The university remains in compliance with Title IX by showing a history and continuing practice of expanding its programs for female student-athletes.

### **Athletic Department Facilities Update**

Bill Moos updated the group about the progress of the Indoor Practice Facility and field project which is being paid for solely by donations. The IPF's footings were recently poured and the steel structure is being manufactured in California, with delivery expected soon. The projected finish date for the building is around April, 1998. The two football practice fields and the soccer field located adjacent to the Cas Center and the new IPF have now been seeded using a high tech process.

Mac Court has been renovated to the tune of \$3.5 million, including improvements to the academic area, a new roof, remodeled foyer area, interior paint and graphics, the addition of two entrances to the court, and upgraded courtside seating. Increases in the cost of floor level seating donations have paid for the most recent improvements. The department's annual fund drive is nearly underway.

### **Next Meeting**

Committee members will be contacted soon to schedule the next meeting. In the meantime, Steve Kevan will meet with Bill Moos and Jim O'Fallon to develop agenda items for the committee to tackle this year.

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