



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

**Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting  
Oregon Center for Optics Conference Room - Willamette Hall  
March 6, 2007**

**Committee Members and Guests Present:** Mark Blaine, Roland Ford, Gary Gray, Jim Isenberg, Michael Moffitt, Bill Moos, Martha Pitts, Danny Shearer, Ed Singer, Nathan Tublitz, Paul van Donkelaar, Anita Weiss, Dan Williams, Neal Zoumboukos, and Debbie Nankivell.

**UO Admissions Discussion**

Martha Pitts, Assistant Vice President/Director of Admissions, attended the meeting to discuss admissions issues. Martha distributed a handout outlining the process used and items considered when determining whether students will be admitted to the university. This comprehensive review process is used not only for some student-athletes, but also for some members of the regular student body. The Admissions Office makes decisions based on what is in the best interests of each student and the likelihood of the student being successful academically. The Athletic Department compliance staff are the contacts between coaches and the Admissions Office. The rigorous NCAA regulations regarding academic eligibility add another layer to the Admissions Office's tracking responsibilities.

Martha mentioned a recent article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* regarding special admits at several universities on the west coast. The link to that article was sent to the committee members following this meeting. The Pac-10 and the university have higher admissions standards than many other institutions.

**Special Admits Discussion**

Briefly discussed a handout prepared by the IAC subcommittee charged with gathering data on special admits and reviewing the possible correlation to future academic success. After discussing the data and attempting to draw some conclusions from the information, the group felt that special admit status alone does not explain the lower graduation rates for some student-athletes. A more detailed look at individual student-athletes who did not graduate during the period being reviewed will be conducted.

**Closing Comments from Bill Moos**

Bill expressed his gratitude to Martha for always having the best interests of students and the integrity of the university at the forefront in the decisions she makes. Bill remarked that the committee's focus has changed from 12 years ago, with committee members being entrusted with a greater sense of responsibility. The Athletics Task Force assessed many important topics regarding athletics at the UO. The role of athletics in higher ed will continue to be an issue for national discussion. Bill ended his remarks by stating that it has been a privilege and honor serving as Athletic Director at the University of Oregon.

**Next IAC Meeting**

The next IAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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