

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting
Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center
May 11, 2004

Committee Members and Guests Present: Peter Gilkey, Gary Gray, Dave Heeke, Tom Larson, Bill Moos, Rick Mowday, Brad Shelton, Anita Weiss, and Debbie Nankivell.

Athletic Department Budget Update

Tom Larson updated the group about the department's budget for 2003/04 and the planning process for 2004/05's budget. The department budget is submitted to the UO's Resource Management office annually and is audited by the NCAA each year. The budget increased by nearly \$8 million dollars due to the Autzen expansion. Revenue from the additional 15,000 seats, new sky boxes, and increased donations help defray the increased costs associated with managing the larger facility and making bond payments. The department pays a total of \$3 million in bond debt annually. The 2004/05 budget will be approximately \$38 million. The department is implementing administrative cost savings as there are no new sources of revenue to tap.

In order to fund a reserve account to cover unanticipated expenses and/or increased costs, department administrative budgets are making cuts totaling \$750,000. In addition, all expenditures will be monitored closely and efficiencies are expected to be made in all areas. These cutbacks are not intended to impact our sports programs or diminish customer service to our fans. Also discussed the state employee salary freeze, increased travel costs, costs to repair damages to the north sky building, TV revenues, and donation levels.

Graduation Rates

A handout was distributed listing the most recent student-athlete GPAs by program. Student-athletes who choose to leave school early are encouraged to return and complete their degree requirements. The UO allows up to 5% of the total number of students to be admitted with scores slightly lower than the regular requirements. Student-athletes are included among the 5% special admits. Many student-athletes benefit from the tutoring services offered to them. NCAA rules require all student-athletes to show satisfactory progress toward obtaining their degree.

NCAA Compliance Meetings

Gary Gray reported on some of the issues discussed at recent NCAA compliance meetings. New academic reforms are likely to be in force this year with more to come. The focus of the academic reforms is to provide student-athletes with the best chance to succeed.

Athletic Department Staff Teaching UO Courses

The committee was consulted about whether department coaches and administrators should be able to teach classes at the UO. A handful of coaches and administrators have taught courses the past few years. The classes have been for credit and sponsored by a campus program (i.e., Exercise & Movement Science, etc). The perception could be negative, especially if student-athletes are in the classes. The possibility of

department staff teaching future classes needs to be monitored very closely.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2004, in the Johnson Hall Conference Room. Preliminary agenda items include: setting a regular meeting time for next year's committee, discussing recommendations from the UO Athletics Task Force, and electing the new committee chair.

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