

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting
Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center
January 17, 2007

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Mark Blaine, Linda Brady, Roland Ford, Gary Gray, Julie Haack, Jim Isenberg, Tom Larson, Michael Moffitt, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Ed Singer, Dylann Tharp (filling in for Joanna Gail), Nathan Tublitz, Paul van Donkelaar, Whitney Wagoner, and Debbie Nankivell.

Academic Learning Center Update

Linda Brady attended the meeting to discuss the committee's concerns about the student-athlete academic learning center project. Linda and Dave Frohnmayer also addressed faculty concerns about the issue at the recent UO Senate meeting. Linda stated that this particular project focuses on academic issues for student-athletes, but has also been a catalyst to begin broader discussions about investing in academic success for all university students.

Karen Sprague is currently chairing a committee to develop a strategic housing plan. One piece of the housing plan is to review opportunities for consolidating all university student learning and academic support resources in the neighborhood around the proposed new facility. This prime "gateway to the university" location would signal the university's emphasis on the importance of academic success. One option may be to renovate space in the first floor of each dorm which could be dedicated to providing academic support for the students who reside there.

Communications continue between Dave Frohnmayer and the donor's representative regarding the importance of the UO community being able to use areas within the new facility. The new alumni center would fit on the same piece of land as the new academic learning center, however, it would be a separate project with separate funding.

Bill reminded the committee that the academic learning center was originally included as part of the arena project. When the arena was to be located at the Howe Field site, space was going to be available in the facility for use by the UO community. The need for an improved academic learning center remains even though the scope of arena project has changed.

Athletic Director Search Update

Michael Moffitt, who is a member of the search team for the new Athletic Director, updated the committee on the status of the search. This search is being handled differently than other university searches as most viable AD candidates are not willing to go public with their interest until late in the search process. Dave Frohnmayer announced the members of the search team recently and has charged the team with obtaining names, information and recommendations regarding potential candidates. The team will forward the information to Dave, who will make the final hiring decision. The search team has had several lengthy meetings and will continue its charge until the position is filled. The timetable set for finding Bill's replacement is very aggressive.

Michael outlined some of the criteria the search team has identified as being necessary for the next AD. These criteria include: Student-athlete academic success (APR and grad rates, etc.); compliance

with all rules and regulations (NCAA, state, university, etc.); the need to have a vision that integrates academics and athletics; and having a history of consulting when necessary (not just when formally required). Michael encouraged committee members to contact him with input on the search process.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21st from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Because the Johnson Hall Conference Room is not available that afternoon, the February meeting will take place in the Director's Conference Room in the Casanova Center.

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