

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting Director's Conference Room, Casanova Center

April 19, 1999

Committee Members and Guests Present: Richard Clark, Mary-Lyon Dolezal, Jeffrey Hurwit, Lynn Kahle, John Leahy, Jim Mohr, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Brad Shelton, Sandy Walton, and Debbie Nankivell.

Title IX Committee Update

Mary-Lyon Dolezal informed the group about the progress of the Title IX Committee. The student-athlete exit interview process was discussed at the Title IX Committee's last meeting. Karen Nelson, Assistant Athletic Director for Student Services, has been responsible for writing the exit interview questions and conducting the interviews. The committee will rewrite some of the questions, keeping gender inequities in mind. Comments from recent exit interviews indicate that some issues may be team issues vs. gender issues. The committee has a number of issues they plan to explore, including student-athlete access to trainers, as well as tracking injuries and treatments received. Mary-Lyon will contact Ken Lehrman regarding the committee's next meeting.

Athletic Department Budget

Sandy Walton provided a brief overview of the department's budget and discussed challenges for next year and the future. Budgets within the department are closely monitored and department heads notified if their budget line items are exceeded. The department revenue sources for 1997/98 included the following (see attached chart):

Ticket sales - 24%	Donations - 12%
Student Fees - 5%	Institutional Support - 13%
Pac-10/NCAA - 20%	Game Guarantees - 5%
Lottery Funds - 2%	Post Season Events - 4%
Parking & Concessions - 5%	TV & Radio - 7%
Misc. Rent - 2%	Product Endorsement - 1%

The department's budget for 1999/2000 is expected to be \$25 million. Some challenges for next year include ever increasing expenses (travel, tuition, maintenance, non-revenue sport support, salaries, etc.), paying the UO's share in the restricted earnings lawsuit, and other unanticipated costs. Future new facilities will continue to be financed through donations.

It was apparent before going to the Aloha Bowl that the department would lose money on the trip as it was very difficult for fans to travel to Hawaii during the holidays on such short notice. The Pac-10 Bowl Committee is working on ways to make the costs for Hawaii bowl participants more reasonable in the future. The Pac-10 bowl games will be awarded in the following order for the 1999 season: 1st place - Rose Bowl; 2nd place - Holiday Bowl; 3rd place - Sun Bowl; 4th place - Aloha Bowl; and 5th place - Oahu Bowl.

Student Seating Issues

The ASUO will be recommending the following agreement regarding student seating to the student senate soon. The ASUO will pay 50% of the fair market value (including donations) for games while school is in session. The ASUO will not be required to pay for games played when school is not in session, and students will still be able to attend at no cost. The students will give up seating in the west side of the third balcony at Mac Court. The ticket costs are approximately \$34,000 less than this year, and the ASUO would like to use this amount to cover expenses for student-sponsored events at Mac Court. The waiting period for selling student tickets to the public will move from 7 calendar days to 5 working days.

Initial Eligibility Lawsuit Update

Jim O'Fallon informed the group about the current lawsuit against the NCAA regarding student-athlete initial eligibility requirements. The NCAA has used a sliding scale for the past four years with minimums of a 2.5 high school GPA and an 820 SAT score in order for prospective student-athletes to meet initial eligibility requirements. The lawsuit asserts that the minimum SAT score is discriminatory as a disproportionate number of minority students are disqualified based on their scores. The question is whether SAT scores accurately reflect a student-athlete's potential for success in graduating from college. According to the court hearing this case, the statistics do not prove that SAT scores can predict a student's success and found that the initial eligibility requirements are not valid. At this time, the ruling is on hold, pending appeal. If no standards were in place there would be chaos as institutions would set their own guidelines, which could change once the court decision's on this matter is final.

The issue has many dimensions and university presidents do not want to admit student-athletes with SAT's far below those of other students. It is likely that new guidelines using a fully indexed sliding scale will be approved in the next six months.

Jim stressed that the issue of the tests being culturally biased is not the question in this case, rather whether SAT test results accurately predict academic success for students in college.

Booster Handbook

Distributed this year's copy of the Boosters Handbook which was sent to Duck Athletic Fund members to remind boosters, alumni, faculty, staff and fans of the need to comply with NCAA and Pac-10 rules regarding contacts with student-athletes. This handbook will be discussed further at the committee's next meeting after members have had an opportunity to review its contents.

Next Meeting

The May IAC meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room at the Casanova Center. Please send any potential agenda items to John Leahy.

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