

## **Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting**

**Pittman Room, Casanova Center**

May 19, 1998

**Committee Members and Guests Present:** Dick Clark, Mary-Lyon Dolezal, Steve Kevan, John Lucier, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Catherine Page, and Debbie Nankivell.

### **Restricted Earning Coach Lawsuit**

Discussed the verdict in the lawsuit against the NCAA filed by coaches who are, or have been, in restricted earning positions. All NCAA institutions are expected to be affected monetarily once decisions are made on how to pay off the damages. The affected coaches alleged that they were harmed by NCAA regulations which limited their salaries.

### **Update on Student-Athletes in the News**

Bill Moos was asked about the current status of Akili Smith and his legal problems. The DUI offense has been dropped and although the Mill Camp incident is not yet resolved, it has served as a wake up call for Smith as well as other student-athletes. Smith was held out of team workouts and missed some practice time this spring.

### **Summer School**

Discussed the department's focus on tightening up policies concerning summer school for student-athletes. Each student-athlete's summer school request will be reviewed and approved only when a clear need for additional classes/credits exists. It was felt that some student-athletes signed up for summer school in the past only to ensure they would receive their stipends over the summer months.

### **Student-Athlete Employment**

John Lucier, Grant-in-Aid Coordinator, distributed a proposal outlining details of the new student-athlete employment program. It is still unclear how many student-athletes will want to participate in this program. However, the department will be faced with the task of monitoring each student-athlete and employer to ensure compliance. There are also concerns that work may take priority over academics for already busy student-athletes, with grades and attendance being the first things to suffer. A group of Athletic Department administrators will be determining how this program will be managed and meet with student-athletes and coaches in the next few weeks regarding employment options.

### **Title IX Committee**

The university's Title IX Committee has met once and should be meeting again soon to continue progress in preparing the annual Title IX report. This committee reports directly to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. The university's Affirmative Action Office, department staff, and representatives from the IAC serve on the Title IX Committee.

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

The self-study peer team completed their site visit in early April and from their exit interviews, it appeared the visit went well. A copy of the team's report should be received within the next month or so. At that time, factual data in the report can be corrected if inaccuracies are noted. The final certification status will not be known until approximately October, 1998.

One outcome of the self-study was the need for regular compliance review by non-department staff. A new subcommittee of the IAC will be created and is expected to meet annually. Gary Gray and his staff will propose a process to achieve this review at a fall IAC meeting.

### **Topics for Discussion and Scheduling Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room at the Casanova Center. **[The meeting was postponed and is now scheduled for Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the same location.]** Agenda items will include the department's long range plans, a possible tour of the indoor practice facility, and electing a chair for the 1998/99 academic year.

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