

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Johnson Hall Conference Room

November 1, 2000

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Jim Earl, Gary Gray, Ken Kempner, Jim Mohr, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Janet Rose, Chris Russell, Brad Shelton, Larry Singell, Richard Sundt, Dan Williams, and Debbie Nankivell.

Men's Tennis Program Update

Chris Russell, head men's tennis coach, discussed the university's men's tennis program. The fall tennis season consists primarily of strength and conditioning training and development of the student-athletes with three scheduled events. Academically, the men's tennis team had a first team All-American academic athlete, and a team average GPA of 3.2. Athletically, the men's program had its first All-American athlete last year, Guillermo Carter. The team has qualified for post-season competition in two of the past three seasons, with the Duck doubles team making it to the Pac-10 tournament finals.

The men's tennis program is fully funded and is an equivalency sport with a maximum of 4.5 scholarships. The team has five current members with an additional three student-athletes expected to join the team in January. Most Pac-10 men's tennis teams have 8-10 members.

The new indoor tennis facility behind Mac Court which is shared with PARS should have a positive impact on recruiting. The tennis program hosts summer camps and tournaments on campus which help to develop in-state talent. The state of Oregon is not known as a hotbed of tennis so, recruiting is primarily concentrated on out-of-state athletes.

Process for Adding New Women's Sport

Renee Baumgartner, associate athletic director/senior women's administrator, is managing the process for adding a new women's sport. The first step in the process was conducting a survey of Big Sky, Big Ten, Big Twelve, Big West, Mountain West, West Coast, Western Athletic, and Pac-10 Conference institution senior women's administrators regarding emerging women's sports. A handout summarizing the responses to the survey was distributed and discussed. At this time, there is no firm timeline for adding a women's sport.

The factors to be evaluated as the process continues include the following: the current UO women's club sports; the number of participants for each sport; the start-up and annual budget requirements; facility needs; the number of teams competing in particular sports and their distances from Eugene. In addition, feedback from UO students and the community will be solicited. After all variables are considered, the sport and a timeline for implementation will be recommended to Bill Moos who will make the final determination on how to proceed.

The university is in compliance with the terms of Title IX, and the addition of another women's sport

shows continuing progress toward participation numbers matching enrollment percentages.

Athletic Department Budget

Discussed the amount of annual university financial support the Athletic Department receives which is between \$1.8-2.1 million, approximately 1% of the university's entire budget. A number of questions were raised about athletics' increasing budget as compared to the university's academic department budgets. The department pays for the tuition costs of the university's student-athletes from donations received through the Duck Athletic Fund. [For the 1999/00 academic year, \$2.9 million was paid to the university in tuition and on-campus room and board costs.] The department's goal of becoming self sufficient will help the entire university.

Update from Dan Williams

Dan Williams, vice president for administration, informed the group about the creation of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and its evolution into its current form. In the early 1990's, the State Board of Higher Education required that its institutions reach and maintain gender equity and allocated funds to ensure that all athletic department budgets were balanced.

The IAC was created to advise the president about athletic department policies and practices, and to serve as a bridge between the university as a whole and the department. Members are elected by the university's faculty and the committee is accountable to the faculty senate. It is helpful for faculty to be well versed regarding athletic department issues as the department is a very visible part of the university. The committee reports to the faculty senate annually. Copies of the department and IAC mission statements were distributed.

Year-Round Training Table

Briefly discussed the Pac-10's recent approval of year-round training table for student-athletes. The department has not yet determined how this change will be implemented and the costs involved.

NCAA News/NCAA Manuals

Members of the IAC will receive subscriptions to the *NCAA News*, a newspaper that is published by the NCAA every two weeks. The *NCAA Manual* can now be viewed on-line and a handout was distributed to all members with instructions for accessing the manual.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6th in the director's conference room in the Casanova Center.

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