

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Pittman Room, Casanova Center

January 20, 1999

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Shannon Cranston, Mary-Lyon Dolezal, Gary Gray, Jeffrey Hurwit, John Leahy, Jim Mohr, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Heidi Smith, Taylor Sturges, Nathan Tublitz, Sandy Walton, and Debbie Nankivell. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Congratulations to Renee Baumgartner

The committee congratulated Renee on her promotion to Associate Athletic Director and Senior Women's Administrator. Renee will also continue as Head Women's Golf Coach through the 2000 season.

Volleyball Program Update

Coach Cathy Nelson reported on the state of the UO's volleyball program. Cathy stated that her young team is moving with small, yet positive accomplishments toward success. The team's seniors consistently graduate and it is gratifying for Cathy see her former players succeed in life after leaving the UO, which is one of the goals of her program.

The Pac-10 is the premier volleyball conference in the US, with teams routinely having Olympic-caliber athletes on their rosters. Cathy's recruiting efforts have focused primarily on Oregon, California, and Arizona, but the coaches don't stop there - one student-athlete was recruited from Croatia this year. The signing period for next season's recruits begins on February 3rd.

Cathy stated that the department and university are very supportive of her program, and she was asked what things could be done to assist the volleyball program. Cathy mentioned the difficulty in working with student-athletes who have problems academically when notice of problems are received late in the term. The coaching staff works with the student-athletes to ensure they attend study table and have tutors, if needed. Additional things that would be helpful to the program include the NCAA increasing the number of scholarships available to volleyball student-athletes, increasing video staff assistance, having the use of laptop computers while on road trips, and having a sport court at Mac Court (a portable surface that can be placed over the court for volleyball practices and games).

Athletic Department Budget

Sandy Walton provided information regarding the department's budget to clarify some discrepancies noted by a reporter. The department's 1998/99 budget is \$23.9 million. A breakdown of the department's state and university funding sources are included as an attachment to these minutes.

Recent construction projects, such as the Ed Moshofsky Sports Center have been funded by donations.

The number of staff assigned to academic support and compliance areas in the department (and throughout the country) has increased over the last few years due to the escalating requirements that

go along with monitoring compliance with NCAA regulations.

A perception among some faculty on campus that academic budgets continue to be cut back while athletics continues to expand needs to be addressed. Members of the committee suggested that the IAC be involved in efforts to inform faculty about the department's movement toward self-sufficiency. Another recommendation to improve campus communications is for Bill to address the University Senate (Bill is scheduled to attend and address the March 10th senate meeting).

Academic Support Services Committee

Jim O'Fallon informed the group about the Academic Support Services Committee, which he chairs. This committee was to have its first meeting on January 21st and begin discussions on how to best meet student needs in the academic support area. It is hoped that this group can move quickly and make recommendations by the end of the term.

Title IX Committee

The Title IX Committee will be meeting on February 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room at the Casanova Center. Ken Lehrman is chairing this committee.

Homecoming Traditions

Heidi Smith and Shannon Cranston reported that a committee of students is in need of assistance to plan homecoming events, including a homecoming dance for students. This committee will be meeting at 3:00 p.m. on February 3rd in Room 360 of Oregon Hall.

February Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

The next IAC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17th in the Director's Conference Room at the Casanova Center.

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