

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting Bowerman Building, UO Campus

February 23, 1998

Committee Members and Guests Present: Dick Clark, Gary Gray, Steve Kevan, John Leahy, Bill Moos, Marilyn Nippold, Jim O'Fallon, Kanealii Osorio, Alan Stavitsky, and Debbie Nankivell.

NCAA Certification Self-Study Report

The certification self-study staff liaison from the NCAA will be contacting the university's committee chair shortly to provide the names of people the peer review team will want to interview during their visit between April 7-10.

Women's Basketball Reunion

Bill Moos was asked about the recent women's basketball reunion. The player reunion was organized by the former coach, Elwin Heiny, with the department asked to assist in acknowledging the athletes during halftime. Unfortunately, the department had very little lead time about the reunion and had already planned halftime activities far in advance of the game. Only a limited amount of time was available to acknowledge the former players in attendance. In the future, if a similar event is planned by the department, more formal introductions will be made to honor those former players who return to the university.

Student-Athletes in the News

Committee members asked for clarification about recent media accounts of student-athlete misconduct in the community. Concerns included the feeling that quotes from the department seemed to downplay the seriousness of the alleged offenses. Bill Moos stated that these incidents were taken seriously, that one student-athlete is no longer with the football team and the other has been suspended from the team. All student-athletes need to be accountable for their actions, including academics.

Summer School Attendance

Briefly discussed the need for some student-athletes to attend summer school classes in order to remain eligible to participate in fall sports. Most who do attend summer school classes work out while still in town over the summer. The department is working toward approving summer school attendance only for those student-athletes who need classes to remain on track for graduation.

Signs at Athletic Department Events

Bill was also asked about the anti-Nike banner which was removed during a recent men's basketball game at Mac Court. The banner was removed by security personnel because it blocked the view for patrons sitting in the balcony below. Signs that obstruct views or cause safety concerns can be removed from department events. The sign removed at Autzen Stadium last fall had wooden poles which were considered to be dangerous to nearby fans.

Athletic Department Long Range Planning

The presentation of the department's long range planning project has been postponed for a couple of months to ensure that Dave Sparks will be available to meet with the committee.

Retiring Coaches

Discussed the retirements of Ron Finley, head wrestling coach, and Bill Dellinger, head men's track coach. Both retired effective February 28, 1998, but will be coaching at least through June 30, 1998. A search for the new head wrestling coach is currently underway. Bill Moos will be meeting with a number of constituency groups to gather information to assist him in determining the direction our men's track program should take. The committee will be kept informed of the progress of these searches.

Next Meeting

The next IAC meeting has been scheduled for **Friday, April 3, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall at the Bowerman Building.** Please send agenda items to Steve Kevan.

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