

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Meeting

Klamath Hall, Room 151

October 24, 1996

Committee Members and Guests Present: Ralph Barnhard, Dusty Carlson, Judith Grosenick, Ken Kempner, Steve Kevan, John Leahy, Bill Moos, Marilyn Nippold, Jim O'Fallon, Kanealii Osorio, Nani Sarosa, Susan Trafton, Barbara Walker, and Debbie Nankivell.

Academic Liaison Sub-Committee Update

The sub-committee comprised of Jim O'Fallon, Twinkle Morton, John Leahy, and Steve Kevan formed at the June 4, 1996 IAC meeting has not yet had a chance to meet. The group will be recommending a policy at the next committee meeting regarding whether a committee member should serve as a liaison between the department and faculty regarding concerns about student-athletes' academic progress.

Eligibility and Extra Benefits Issue

Discussed the recent situation where some volleyball players were suspended from participating in two games for violating an NCAA extra benefits rule. Once Coach Nelson became aware of the violations, Athletic Department staff investigated and self-reported the incident. The UO's student-athletes are routinely made aware of NCAA rules at eligibility meetings and throughout the year, and this incident clearly brought home the importance of complying with all NCAA rules to all of the teams.

NCAA Certification Self-Study

The university will be undertaking the self-study portion of the Athletic Department NCAA certification process this year. Committee members may be asked to participate in sub-committees. The university's NCAA liaison will be on campus in February and spend time reviewing the self-study process with those involved. After the self-study process is completed (mid-Fall '97), a peer team review will take place, followed by the decision of the NCAA.

The campus organization of the study will be comprised of a steering committee and four sub-committees. President Frohnmayer or his designee will chair the steering committee and Bill Moos, Barbara Walker, and Jim O'Fallon are required to serve on the steering committee. All segments of the constituency will serve on the sub-committees, including alumni, board, student-athletes, students, and faculty. The first drafts of membership lists for the committees should be completed soon.

The four sub-committees will deal primarily with academic, compliance, equity, and financial issues. The committees will be charged with evaluating and answering a standardized set of questions to determine how the UO meets or does not meet the required NCAA standards, as well as outlining how any deficiencies will be corrected. The report submitted to the NCAA will include a substantial

amount of background information and will be about 70-80 pages in length.

The site review will be 3-4 days of intensive meetings for the peer review committee to meet with people involved in the self-study and to review the material submitted. The peer review committee will prepare and submit a formal report to the NCAA Committee on Certification attesting to the accuracy of the self-study and recommending whether the NCAA should approve certification. The recommendation of the peer review committee will not be shared with the UO until after the NCAA makes its decision. Peer review committee members will be selected this spring.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19th in Room 151 of Klamath Hall.

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