

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room, Casanova Center

October 27 , 1999

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Dan Close, Gary Gray, John Leahy, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Margie Paris, Bill Ryan, Brad Shelton, Larry Singell, Heidi Smith, Dan Williams, and Debbie Nankivell.

Update from Dan Williams

Dan Williams, vice president for administration, informed the group about the mission and history of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. The purpose of the committee is 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. 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. The committee has helped in addressing Title IX issues and has been involved with the recent NCAA certification process. Jim O'Fallon, faculty athletic representative, is an ex officio member of the committee and serves as the president's representative on NCAA issues.

Update from Jim O'Fallon

Jim O'Fallon reported that the NCAA is still sorting out possible changes in initial eligibility requirements for potential student-athletes. The NCAA basketball committee continues to review and evaluate academic issues concerning men's basketball student-athletes.

NCAA Rules Handbook & Manuals

Discussed the NCAA Rules Handbook which was recently sent to all faculty members to provide information about the athletic department and to inform them of rules concerning student-athletes and recruits. All committee members receive a copy of the current NCAA Division I Manual and a subscription to the NCAA News. Gary Gray and Jim O'Fallon are available to answer questions regarding NCAA rules and regulations. President Frohnmayer serves on the NCAA Board of Directors.

Wrestling Program Update

Chuck Kearney, head wrestling coach, took time away from ranking matches taking place in the Casanova Center wrestling room to discuss the state of the UO's wrestling program. This year's team is a young group of wrestlers who are talented, hard workers. Chuck and his staff have worked hard to recruit student-athletes who can also compete academically. Chuck's challenge is to field a team to compete at dual meets as well as individual competitions at conference and national tournaments. Wrestling has ten weight classes and is an equivalency sport with a total of 9.9 full scholarships to offer, so not all of the members of the team are on scholarships. Deciding how to allocate the scholarship money can be difficult, especially when recruits are comparing offers from other institutions with lower tuition costs.

New rules regarding weigh-ins were designed to minimize health risks associated with drastic changes in weight. The rules will continue to be assessed and modified as needed to ensure the safety of the student-athletes. The team's first home meet is on December 11th.

Title IX Committee

The Title IX Committee will be meeting in November to follow-up with concerns addressed in last year's NCAA certification report. The annual Equity in Athletics Disclosure report was completed and submitted to the NCAA in mid-October.

Game Management

Briefly discussed the department's stance on stopping the fan who bashes the visiting team's mascot from slamming the mascot into the concrete steps to count out the score. His behavior offends a large number of fans and shows bad sportsmanship. Also discussed the rowdy behavior, abusive language, and fights that took place in some areas of the stadium during the USC game. Game management personnel have addressed these concerns and hope to have more security on hand for the ASU game.

Academic Advising Committee Update

The academic advising issues this committee has been addressing are not yet resolved. Discussions continue.

Autzen Expansion Project

An announcement is expected in the next couple of weeks regarding plans to expand Autzen Stadium. More detailed information will be presented to the committee at a future meeting.

Chair of Committee

John Leahy was selected to continue as chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee for 1999/00.

Next Meeting

The next IAC meeting will be held at **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24, 1999** in the Director's Conference Room in the Casanova Center.

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