

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Johnson Hall Conference Room

April 2, 2003

Committee Members and Guests Present: Dominique Beaumonte, Marian Friestad, Susan Gary, Gary Gray, Edward Kame'enui, Tom Larson, Steve McBride, Kirsten McEwen, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Jim Schombert, Brad Shelton, Dan Williams, Dara Wone, and Debbie Nankivell.

Arena Project Update

Dan Williams attended the meeting to update committee members on the status of the proposed arena project. Mac Court, the oldest on-campus Division I facility in use in the country, is worn out. It is important to the long term financial stability of the department and the UO to find revenue streams to fund the athletics program. A new arena would accommodate more fans, as well as provide premium seating and private box opportunities. A budget for the project is expected by early fall and if the project is approved, it is anticipated that it could be completed in about three years. The project is expected to be privately funded by a small group of donors and would not adversely affect general UO donations or the upcoming capital campaign.

The feasibility study which will identify the needs to be met in a new arena is nearly complete. It is very important that new arena plans provide an environment similar to the intimate atmosphere of historic Mac Court and that the facility be managed by the university. Five national firms will be presenting preliminary arena designs in meetings over the next couple of weeks.

A large number of possible sites have been identified, each with some disadvantages. Because finding a perfect location is unlikely, many parties of interest will be consulted before any final decision is made. Dan and Bill Moos have met recently with a number of local civic and community members to update them on the progress of the proposed arena project.

The IAC will be asked to provide advice to Bill and Dan throughout the planning process. A final consultant's report with recommendations is expected by the end of May.

Spring Faculty Reception

Gary Gray encouraged faculty members to attend the upcoming annual reception hosted by the football coaching staff on Wednesday, April 16th. The reception will take place from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall which is located in the Bowerman Building.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, in the Director's Conference Room at the Casanova Center.

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