

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Johnson Hall Conference Room

June 2, 2004

Committee Members and Guests Present: Susan Gary, Peter Gilkey, Gary Gray, Dave Heeke, Jim Isenberg, Tom Larson, Michael Moffitt, Bill Moos, Rick Mowday, George Rowe, Jim Schombert, Brad Shelton, Anita Weiss, and Debbie Nankivell.

UO Athletics Task Force Recommendations

Distributed copies of the portion of the UO Athletics Task Force Report that pertains to recommendations for the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. Briefly discussed the report, then agreed to review the recommendations as a part of the committee's new business in the fall.

One recommendation of the task force is to hold a yearly retreat prior to the beginning of the academic year to help new members learn about the athletic department and the role of the IAC in supporting the UO's mission statement. The committee members agreed that an annual retreat would be beneficial.

Also discussed setting a new regular meeting day and time for the committee. Since finding a regular meeting day and time that works for everyone seemed unlikely, the committee agreed that the entire year's meeting dates should be reviewed at the beginning of the academic year. Any upcoming meeting dates that need to be moved will be changed as far in advance as possible. Also, it was suggested that Gwen Steigelman be notified that candidates should be aware of the regular IAC meeting days and times before elections are held next year.

Arena Project Update

Bill Moos updated the committee about renewed planning for the arena project. A group of donors and UO administrators are reviewing funding models that may make it possible to build a new arena in the near future. A number of factors need to be considered before the project can proceed, including costs, bonding, location, proximity to campus, outside events, and parking.

If the plan proceeds, the project would be built by an outside entity, which would be a subsidiary of the UO Foundation. The funding commitment of the university would be drastically reduced from the original plan. Athletics would have input on the design of the building, be the primary tenant of the facility, and receive revenue equal to or greater than that of Mac Court during the term of the lease. This plan would shift the bulk of the debt responsibility on the donors rather than the department, and the building could be gifted to the university at the expiration of the lease.

Committee members voiced strong concerns about the need to go through regular university channels during the planning process this time around. Bill reiterated that there are many pieces that have not yet fallen into place on the project and coordinating the corporate world and public bureaucracy will not be simple.

Committee Chair

Jim Isenberg was selected to be the chair of next year's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. Congratulations, Jim.

Bill Moos commended Brad Shelton for his work as chair of the committee the past few years. Brad's time commitment and leadership are appreciated.

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