

**Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting**  
Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center  
November 3, 2004

**Committee Members and Guests Present:** Renee Baumgartner, Bill Clever, Gary Gray, Dave Heeke, Jim Isenberg, Tom Larson, Anna Leksinska, Bill Moos, Rick Mowday, Karen Nelson, Jim O'Fallon, George Rowe, Jim Schombert, Kim Sheehan, Nathan Tublitz, Anita Weiss, and Debbie Nankivell.

**Student Services Update**

Karen Nelson, Assistant Athletic Director for Student Services, provided a handout listing SOAR events and programs. SOAR (which stands for Scholastic excellence, Outstanding character, Athletic achievement, and Responsibility to self and others) is the department's life skills program which began as one of the NCAA's pilot programs in 1994. The department's SOAR program won an NCAA Program of Excellence award in 2002.

The SOAR program includes everything to do with a student-athlete's life and well being. A large number of community service activities are included as part of the ALARM program (which stands for Athletes Living As Role Models). Student-athletes are involved in a number of community projects such as, toy drives, reading to elementary classes, promoting good sportsmanship, giving motivational presentations, an adopt-a-soldier program, and sponsoring children with severe health problems.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meets twice a month and is comprised of representatives from each sport. SAAC representatives attend two Pac-10 SAAC meetings each year. The SAAC is responsible for coordinating the various activities and projects in which student-athletes volunteer to participate. In addition, all freshmen student-athletes are required to attend an Issues of Intercollegiate Athletics class which is aimed at helping new students as they transition to college life and teaches time management skills.

Members of the IAC believe that faculty and the public are not well informed about the student-athletes' participation in so many community activities. Discussed the need to provide the faculty with updates on the positive contributions our student-athletes make in the community. Some options include the following:

- \$ The creation of a newsletter,
- \$ Annual updates in *Inside Oregon* and/or *Oregon Quarterly*,
- \$ Updates on the UO's website,
- \$ Scheduling a panel discussion with the University Senate president and forum, along with members of the SAAC,
- \$ Scheduling a couple of student-athletes to attend department meetings with a member of the IAC for brief question and answer sessions,
- \$ Working with the *Oregon Daily Emerald* to highlight the community activities of our student-athletes.

Jim Isenberg, Renee Baumgartner, and Karen Nelson will schedule a meeting to review this issue and

make a recommendation for ways to more effectively publicize this information to faculty members.

**Graduation Rates & NCAA Academic Reform**

Gary Gray distributed handouts with the most recent UO graduation rates and an overview of the NCAA's academic reform package. Committee members were asked to review these items in preparation for a discussion at the next IAC meeting.

**Next IAC Meeting**

Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Johnson Hall Conference Room. One agenda items will be a discussion about the most recent COIA document (attached). The UO's COIA representative, Nathan Tublitz, will be attending the organization's January meeting in Tennessee.

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