

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Johnson Hall Conference Room

April 5, 2006

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Kenny Gates, Gary Gray, Julie Haack, Jim Isenberg, Tom Larson, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Eric Pickard, George Rowe, Jim Schombert, Ed Singer, Whitney Wagoner, and Debbie Nankivell.

Role of the Faculty Athletics Representative

Discussed many aspects of the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) position, including the time commitment, training, and the need for a succession plan. The Athletics Task Force Report recommended that a five year review of the position be conducted. At one time, Dave Hubin was beginning the position review, however, the project was probably put on hold while Dave is involved in the NCAA re-certification self-study process.

Because Jim will likely retire in a few years, the committee feels it is important to develop a recommendation to President Frohnmayer on how best to manage the transition to a new FAR. Jim Isenberg drafted the following language requesting the formation of a committee to address the review of the FAR position and the development of a transition plan.

Request for FAR Committee Formation

In view of the increased duties of the Faculty Athletics Representative, and since the present FAR has plans to retire in two years, and since the UO Athletics Task Force ((2004) report proposes an FAR review every five years (not yet undertaken), we suggest that sometime during the next academic year (2006-2007), a five person committee be formed, with the following charge:

- \$ Review and codify the duties of the FAR (including an assessment of the time commitment needed for the job, and an assessment of fair compensation);
- \$ Develop a plan for a possible back-up and support for the FAR in case of his/her extended unavailability; and
- \$ Develop a procedure for choosing a new FAR.

This committee (in line with the Athletics Task Force report) should include:

- \$ One faculty member chosen by the President of the Senate;
- \$ One member chosen by the President of the University;
- \$ One faculty member chosen by the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee;
- \$ One member chosen by the Athletic Department; and
- \$ One member chosen by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Arena Project Update

Bill provided the committee with an update regarding the arena project. The conceptual design phase has been completed. Contractors have been assisting with an evaluation of the project's costs and should present their report shortly. The current timeline for the

project includes a presentation to major donors who have been pegged for the project in early May. The project would be included as part of the university's campaign and the funding model has been reviewed with consultants to ensure the project is feasible. There is no parking structure included in the plans, however, there should be enough parking spaces in the vicinity to meet code requirements.

We hope to know whether the project can proceed within the next 6-8 weeks as the project will need to be underway before June in order to maintain the proposed design and construction schedule for the 2009 completion date. The IAC will continue to be updated on the status of the arena project.

Financial Contributions to Campus

A part of the Athletics Task Force report included the Athletic Department contributing funds to the university through presidential scholarships. A question was asked about the new arena generating additional funding to the university. The arena is expected to be managed independently and the president could approach the arena's Board of Directors with requests for contributions to various university programs.

The department continues to be one of only a handful of self-sufficient universities nationwide. This status is difficult to maintain with the size of Autzen Stadium and Mac Court, which have both maxed out in ticket sales. A new arena would help establish new revenue streams and help to create a reserve fund for the department. Unexpected expenses and repairs have made it impossible to put funds aside in a reserve account over the past few years.

Faculty Associates Program Proposal

Discussed the e-mail information sent to committee members prior to the meeting regarding a proposal to develop a Faculty Associates Program, modeled after the now defunct Faculty-in-Resident Program. The proposal would match a faculty member with each team and the faculty member would be involved in the team's activities and assist in advising the student-athletes with academic issues for a few hours each week. It would likely be difficult to find faculty members to participate in the program and a stipend of some sort would be needed. The committee suggested we get input on the needs of student-athletes from the SAAC. Eric Pickard will take the issue to the next SAAC meeting for discussion. Jim Schombert volunteered to attend a future SAAC meeting to answer questions about the proposal.

2009 and 2010 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Bid

Representatives from the department, the Rose Garden, and the Oregon Sports Authority have submitted a final bid to host first- and second-round or regional games in 2009 and/or 2010 in Portland. Final site selections are expected to be announced in late spring or early summer.

Faculty Reception

The football program has scheduled this year's Faculty Recognition Reception to coincide with Junior Day events (targeting recruits who are currently high school juniors) in the Club Room at Autzen prior to the Spring Football Game on April 29th.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 in the Director's Conference Room in the Casanova Center.

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