

## **Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting**

### **Johnson Hall Conference Room**

December 5, 2001

**Committee Members and Guests Present:** Renee Baumgartner, Marian Friestad, Gary Gray, Reggie Jordan, Jenny Kenyon, Tom Larson, Katy Lenn, Bill Moos, Karen Nelson, Jim O'Fallon, Jeff Oliver, Janet Rose, Jim Schombert, Brad Shelton, and Debbie Nankivell.

#### **Academic Support for Student-Athletes**

Discussed the process for requesting updates from faculty on the progress of student-athletes in their classes. The group felt that if faculty knew that their input could lead to student-athletes' getting the assistance they need, they might be more apt to respond.

#### **Student-Athlete Graduation Rates**

Karen Nelson, assistant athletic director for student services, and Reggie Jordan, coordinator of athletic department academics, provided detailed information regarding UO student-athlete graduation rates. The student-athletes tracked entered the UO in 1994, received financial aid during their first year, and have since exhausted their eligibility.

The UO student-athlete graduation rate percentages were consistently higher than those of the general student body and rank high in the Pac-10 Conference. Exit interviews are conducted with those student-athletes who do not graduate. The UO academic support services staff do a great job of assessing student-athlete needs and work diligently to instill good study habits early.

#### **Bowl Game Update**

Discussed the Bowl Championship Series and its effect on bowl options for the UO. Because the Rose Bowl is a part of the BCS and is the site for this year's national championship game, the Pac-10 champion Ducks will likely be invited to play in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in Arizona. The Fiesta Bowl is a prestigious bowl and pays \$13 million to each conference participating in the event. This payout will be divided among the Pac-10 institutions and the team participating in the bowl offsets its expenses associated with attending the bowl game with its share. The profit the UO will realize is in future TV revenue and ticket sales associated with the increased national exposure.

Unfortunately, the number of tickets available to the Fiesta Bowl are far less than the number of tickets received for the 1995 Rose Bowl game. Students and faculty will, however, be able to obtain tickets. Tickets will be sold on a priority basis to Duck Athletic Fund donors, football season ticket holders, former football letter winners, Order of the O members, faculty, and students.

#### **Clarification of Football & Men's Basketball Revenue**

Erroneous data included in a recent memo from Professor Richard Sundt was clarified by Tom Larson, director of finance and contracts. Professor Sundt had surmised that the income generated from football and men's basketball had increased by \$9 million last year. The UO's financial system is complicated and the methods for tracking revenue from different sources as well as accounting for

expenses can be difficult to understand. The revenue during the period in question increased by approximately \$1.3 million, however, expenses during the same time for all programs increased proportionately. The athletic department will continue to reduce the university support it receives to zero within the next three years.

### **Possible Football Game Date Change**

Discussed the effect of moving this year's Civil War football game to dead week. The move actually helped the UO's student-athletes focus on classes while remaining in Eugene to practice for the game. There were concerns, however, about students missing class while waiting in line for game tickets this year. The department and an ASUO committee will continue to address better ways of handling student ticket distribution in the future. Because the department could have an opportunity to move a football game to the Saturday prior to finals again next year, Bill requested input from the committee now. The committee felt the move would not be a problem as long as the ticket distribution issue was resolved.

### **Executive Committee**

Katy Lenn and Jim Schombert agreed to serve on the IAC Executive Committee along with Brad Shelton.

### **Next Meeting**

The committee's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room in the Casanova Center.

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