

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Johnson Hall Conference Room

February 5, 2004

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Bill Clever, Gary Gray, Dave Heeke, Jim Hutchison, Stan Jones, Edward Kame'enui, Tom Larson, Bill Moos, Rick Mowday, Kim Sheehan, Brad Shelton, and Debbie Nankivell.

University Senate Resolution US03/04-3

Committee members discussed the resolution to join the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) which is scheduled to be discussed at the February 11th University Senate meeting. The IAC requested clarification on a number of issues regarding the COIA organization at a previous University Senate meeting, but has not received responses to questions raised. This lack of information makes it difficult, if not impossible, for committee members to have a complete understanding of the organization and possible consequences if the university were to join COIA.

After considerable discussion, a vote was taken and the IAC members in attendance agreed unanimously that based on the lack of response to the questions raised previously, the committee could not support passing the COIA resolution at this time.

It appears that many university faculty members may agree with one area of the COIA framework regarding the over-commercialism of intercollegiate athletics. Committee members expressed interest in providing faculty members with data illustrating how UO academics are being showcased nationally due to the visibility of the UO's athletics program.

Articles from Kansas Newspaper

Copies of recent articles from the *Lawrence Journal-World* were distributed. The articles address the role of intercollegiate athletics in higher education from the perspective of members of Kansas University and the Big 12 Conference.

National Letter of Intent Infraction

Bill Clever, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, updated the committee on the status of the infraction involving the department's football program and the national letter of intent process that occurred in 2003. The department self-reported the incident to the Pac-10 which approved the sanctions imposed on the coach involved, as well as the program. The NCAA is expected to consider the facts in the stipulated judgment submitted by the university in the next few weeks. Once the NCAA determines whether the sanctions previously imposed were appropriate, the NCAA will issue a public release about the violation. IAC members will be contacted prior to the release being made public.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, in the Director's Conference Room at the Casanova Center.

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