

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center

March 6, 2003

Committee Members and Guests Present: Susan Gary, Gary Gray, Jim Hutchison, Edward Kame'enui, Jenny Kenyon, Tom Larson, Kirsten McEwen, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Brad Shelton, Dara Wone, and Debbie Nankivell.

Athletics Task Force Forum Update

Discussed the recent Athletics Task Force Forum. Members of the Task Force panel were very informative, however, very few people attended the forum.

Recruiting Issues

Recent media coverage regarding UO recruiting practices generated a discussion about how the committee could be used to assist in handling controversial recruiting issues. The NCAA manual has 38 pages of detailed recruiting policies that must be followed by institutions and are strictly enforced by the NCAA. It would be very difficult to have a written department policy to handle every possible situation that could arise in recruiting. There are also limitations placed upon institutions by the NCAA in responding to inquiries about recruits, which makes it difficult to publicly correct misconceptions.

Bill Moos stated he believes it is important to hire head coaches who are ethical and understand the need to promote the university in the right way at all times. In all instances, coaches are expected to follow department, university, Pac-10 and NCAA rules and regulations and to keep Bill informed of any situation that might be outside the norm. Martha Pitts is also aware of special circumstances regarding prospective student-athletes and has a history of questioning and consulting with others before making a decision on whether a student will be admitted to the university.

The committee recommended being pro-active in the development of a strategy to improve the management of public relations. The committee also suggested that Bill may want to discuss controversial recruiting issues with committee members as they occur to gain some insight from faculty.

Football Game Scheduling

Bill updated the committee about the scheduling of two of this season's away football games. The Mississippi State game in Starkville will likely be played on Saturday, August 30th and hopefully, will be broadcast on ESPN. The Utah game will be moved to Friday, October 3rd per the University of Utah's request. The move to Friday will require football student-athletes to miss one day of classes for the first time in at least eight seasons. The Utah game may also be televised on ESPN. The television revenue and national exposure are essential to maintaining the department's budget. Committee members voiced concern about football student-athletes missing class time for away games.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd in the Johnson Hall Conference Room.

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