

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Johnson Hall Conference Room

February 7, 2001

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT: Renee Baumgartner, Martha Bayless, Jim Earl, Gary Gray, Jennifer Greenough, Dave Heeke, Ken Kempner, Jim Mohr, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Jeff Oliver, Janet Rose, Brad Shelton, Larry Singell, Richard Sundt, Melody Walz, Greg Zimel, and Debbie Nankivell.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE'S CHARGE, MEMBERSHIP AND REPORTING STRUCTURE

Richard Sundt, who also serves on the university's Committee on Committees, requested that the members of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee review the committee's charge, membership and reporting structure. Any recommended changes in the IAC's charge, membership and reporting structure will be forwarded to the Committee on Committees and the University Senate for consideration.

The following materials were distributed for review and discussion:

- C A copy of the 1992 University Senate proposal to reorganize the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.
- C The current charge, membership and reporting structure of the committee.
- C Recommended changes prepared by Professor Sundt.

Part One - Committee's Charge

Discussed the following current language regarding the IAC's charge:

The IAC, cooperatively and jointly, works on problems, develops common goals, and brings together the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the University as a whole to the benefit of the University. It is authorized to make recommendations concerning all aspects of intercollegiate athletic policy and is accountable directly to the University Senate.

After discussing numerous options for changing the language, the following versions seemed closest to describing what committee members thought should be included in the three charges of the committee. These revisions will be reviewed and discussed again at the next IAC meeting.

Charge 1

Works jointly with the Administration, the Senate Budget Committee and the Athletic Director to consult, advise and review policies regarding the intercollegiate athletic budget and programs.

Charge 2

Promotes and safeguards opportunities for student-athletes to excel in academics.

Charge 3

Promotes greater understanding of (a) intercollegiate athletics among faculty and students; and (b) the relationship between academics and athletics.

Part Two - Committee's Membership

Discussed the following current language regarding the IAC's membership:

The IAC is currently slated to have 10 faculty members; all are elected save one who is appointed by the Senate by the Senate President. The IAC has 5 student members, all of whom are appointed by the UO President on the recommendation of the ASUO.

Last year's IAC recommended that term lengths for elected faculty be increased and that only one student be appointed to the IAC because students have not been attending meetings regularly over the past few years. Discussed increasing the term length to three years for elected faculty and the possibility of allowing members to serve consecutive terms.

Also discussed reducing the student representation from 5 to 3, but not to one as proposed by last year's committee. The general consensus seemed to be to leave the number of students appointed to the committee at 5, with one being a student-athlete. The possibility of serving two year terms for students was also discussed since students have been appointed to the committee late in the fall and miss the first few committee meetings.

The committee's membership will be reviewed and discussed again at the next IAC meeting.

Part Three - Committee's Reporting Structure

Discussed the effectiveness of the IAC reporting to the University Senate only via the end-of-the-year report. Committee faculty members who were not on last year's IAC felt issues of importance should have been brought to the University Senate's attention in a more timely manner. Discussed changing the language regarding the committee's reporting structure to the following:

Reports to the University Senate on major developments in intercollegiate athletics that are likely to significantly affect the broader university community.

The committee's role in communicating issues of importance to the University Senate, as well as the possibility of creating an executive committee and clarifying senate direction to the committee, will be discussed in more detail at the next IAC meeting.

NEXT IAC MEETING

The next IAC meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7th in the Johnson Hall Conference Room.

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