

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center

May 9, 1996

Committee Members and Guests Present: Jerry Green, Judith Grosenick, Andrew Halpern, Jim Isenberg, Ken Kempner, Bill Moos, Larry Neal, Jim O'Fallon, Kanealii Osorio, Nani Sarosa, Susan Trafton, Sandy Walton, and Debbie Nankivell.

Men's Basketball Program

Jerry Green, Head Men's Basketball Coach, updated the committee on the UO men's basketball program. He had hoped the team would be invited to the NIT Tournament with their strong showing in the final games of the season. This year's team will be returning next year and a couple of great recruits from Oregon are expected to be joining the team.

Coach Green sees three major areas of difficulty when recruiting student-athletes to the UO:

- 1) the state of Oregon has not produced many great basketball players;
- 2) the age and appearance of Mac Court are not impressive; and
- 3) the UO does not have a tradition of great college basketball.

The renovations to Mac Court, the commitment to having a new arena in the future, the stability within the Athletic Department, and the Nike contract should help boost Oregon's visibility nationally which should help with recruitment.

Coach Green is in the process of hiring a new assistant coach to replace Bobby Braswell. He hopes to have someone hired in the next few weeks.

Next year's schedule looks strong, although scheduling games can be difficult. Nationally known teams often do not want to risk a loss at Mac Court, and the UO's term dates often conflict with those of other institutions.

Coach Green would support a Pac-10 basketball tournament. The Pac-10 continues to discuss this possibility.

Many of the team members require substantial support. It is difficult for the coaching staff to help student-athletes having problems in class when they are not aware of the situation until the end of the term. It would be helpful to be informed early when problems occur. The committee agreed that a committee member could be selected to act as a liaison between the Athletic Department and faculty on campus. This issue will be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

1996/97 Athletic Department Budget

Sandy Walton distributed a draft of the 1996/97 Athletic Department budget. Cuts still need to be made in order to balance the budget. The department's fund-raising staff has been asked to raise more money in 1996/97. The largest increases noted in the budget are for

grant-in-aid and salaries. The department will be adding a few new positions in 1996/97. Coaches will be submitting their revised budgets to Sandy. Sandy and Bill will then present the final balanced version to Dan Williams for approval. The 1997/98 budget will address changes in donor seating requirements.

1996/97 ASUO/Athletic Department Contract

The department and the ASUO have been negotiating a new contract for 1996/97. Sandy will be working with the newly elected officers of the ASUO to finalize the agreement by the end of the term.

Next Meeting

We will have one more meeting before the end of the term, which will include new members of the committee.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

- C An update on the facilities projects;
- C Selecting a chair for the 1996/97 committee;
- C Discussing and selecting the committee/faculty liaison;
- C Possibly a tour of the Autzen Stadium sky building;
- C Jim will also invite Cathy Nelson and Jody Runge to address the group.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the director's conference at the Casanova Center.

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