Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting
Director’s Conference Room - Casanova Center
May 11, 2005

Committee Members and Guests Present: Gary Gray, Dave Heeke, Jim Isenberg, Bill Moos, Rick Mowday, Jim Schombert, Katie Wallace, and Debbie Nankivell.

Track Program Update
The search for a new head track coach is on hold with the focus being on the team competing well. Several options are possible for conducting the search and Bill will finalize his plans soon. The IAC will be informed as the search process progresses.

Arena Project Update
There is nothing new to report since the last time this issue was discussed at an IAC meeting. The university has purchased the Williams Bakery site and is in the process of building a new bakery. The project is on hold until a funding model is in place. The project is a large component of the UO’s capital campaign and delays usually result in higher building costs.

Offensive Mascot Update
Committee members were sent copies of the IAC’s final report on this issue and Dave Frohnmayer’s written response to the report. The university’s stance for handling competitions with institutions with offensive mascots is as follows:

$ Department staff will be especially alert to the potential offense caused by the mascots of the 31 institutions identified by the NCAA as having mascots related to Native American peoples.
$ Coaches will inform the Athletic Director whenever considering competition with one of the listed institutions.
$ If the competition is scheduled, the Athletic Director will inform the chair of the IAC.
$ Periodic summary reports of competitions scheduled with any of the listed institutions will be provided to the IAC.

APR Update
The NCAA allowed institutions to review and revise any errors previously submitted as part of the new APR process. After submitting corrected data, some UO sports saw improvement in their APR’s. The NCAA is considering making adjustments to the formulas, including modifications for quarter schools to make the process more fair. It can be somewhat misleading to calculate APR’s over a two year period when the process is designed to monitor a four year period. Coaches nationwide are more aware of the need to recruit student-athletes who have a good probability of succeeding academically.

Event Scheduling
The department is continually working on scheduling football games for the future, especially now that the NCAA has approved the 12-game schedule effective for the 2006 season. Bill reported that future scheduling includes the possibility of playing Utah at Autzen in 2009 and playing at Utah in either 2011 or 2012. Utah’s nickname is the Utes, however, their mascot is a red-tailed hawk. The contract for these games with Utah will likely be finalized within the next thirty days.
Selecting IAC Chair for 2005/06
The May meeting was the final IAC meeting of this academic year. An executive committee will be created to be available should issues arise over the summer. Since so few members were in attendance at the May meeting, Jim Isenberg will contact members by e-mail to conduct the election for next year’s committee chair.

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