

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center

January 8, 2003

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Dominique Beaumonte, Tia Dumas, Susan Gary, Gary Gray, Dave Heeke, Jim Hutchison, Jenny Kenyon, Tom Larson, Kirsten McEwen, Patrick Merrill, Sid Moore, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Tracee Passeggi, Jim Schombert, Brad Shelton, Nicole Strange, Dara Wone, and Debbie Nankivell.

New Arena Project Update

Brad Shelton read an e-mail from Dan Williams regarding a request for proposal seeking architectural firms to work on designs for a new arena. The RFP is one of the steps involved in the feasibility study as designers need to be on board should the decision be made to proceed with the arena project. Dan will be meeting with campus groups to discuss the RFP process, as well as the status of the arena feasibility study.

Delegation of Budget Authority

The business affairs office on campus has proposed delegating significant authority to the department's business office. This budget authority change will be discussed further and Sherri McDowell will be invited to the February IAC meeting to help clarify the issue.

Gender Equity Update

Sid Moore, human rights investigator in the UO's office of affirmative action and equal opportunity, updated the group on the status of the department's gender equity efforts. Sid monitors the status of the department's gender equity by comparing the number of student-athletes and scholarship dollars spent. This data is updated for Title IX compliance annually and is reviewed more frequently to ensure the department maintains compliance with the Office of Civil Right's regulations. Sid believes the department's administration continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to gender equity in its athletics program.

Addition of New Women's Sport

A thorough investigation was undertaken by Renee Baumgartner and a group of UO students (Tia Dumas, Patrick Merrill, Tracee Passeggi & Nicole Strange) regarding the addition of a new women's sport. The group recently presented their findings to the department's executive officers' group. A handout summarizing a comparison of the sports included in the report was distributed. Issues to be considered when making the decision to add a new sport include the following: Growth of each sport at the collegiate and high school levels; sponsorship of each sport nationally and within the Pac-10 Conference; squad size and scholarship allowances; availability of facilities; start-up costs and annual budgets; interest on campus and in the community; length of season and time away from the classroom; and the ability to participate at a competitive level. An informal poll of the committee members indicated that based on the information provided, lacrosse was the first choice, with water polo, rowing, gymnastics, and swimming & diving coming in a distant second. A final decision on which sport Oregon will add should be made in the next month or two.

HBO Show on Collegiate Recruiting

The HBO show, *Real Sports*, recently televised a segment on university recruiting practices. Arizona State's student newspaper had done an expose' on their school's recruiting program which led HBO to contact ASU and other institutions, including Oregon. Former students involved in Oregon's recruiting program (teamwork) were interviewed, as well as a former football player and Deryk Gilmore, the administrator who oversees

Oregon's recruiting program. HBO was clearly looking for something negative to report, but found Oregon's program to be well organized with teamwork students representing the university in a positive manner.

Next IAC Meeting

The next IAC meeting has been scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5th in the Johnson Hall Conference Room.

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