INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

RETREAT MINUTES

Attendees: Janet Wasko, Nathan Tublitz, George Rowe, Whitney Wagoner, Dev Sinha, Richard Taylor, Pat Kilkenny, Deb Morrison, Renee Baumgartner, Gary Gray, Jim O’Fallon, Tom Larson, Julie Larsson, Neal Zoumboukos, Anna Poponyak, David Peterson, Melinda Grier

Guest: Steve Stolp

Opening Comments – Janet Wasko, new Chairperson for the IAC committee introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Retreat Binder for 2008 was discussed throughout the entire meeting.

Gary Gray and members from the compliance department compiled the information in the binder. The first five subjects were briefly discussed and included.


Pat Kilkenny spoke about the reorganization that took place in the Athletic Department. Specialized skill sets were the focus of the reorganization and people were assigned to those areas. Kilkenny spoke about having the athletic department be self-supporting and trying to find a balance while supporting 19 sports.

Kilkenny gave an update on the baseball park and bringing baseball back to the University. The first home game is scheduled to be played February 27, 2009 versus Fresno State, the defending national champions. The gap between campus and the athletic department is once again being bridged as 2 students from Architecture are involved in the planning and process of the new park. Also marketing interns are going to be involved in the marketing of the team.

Kilkenny also gave an update on the basketball arena. He stated there are some hurdles (ie land use issues) and ground breaking will need to start in the next few weeks or the opening of 2010 will be in peril.

Kilkenny spoke of fundraising and how he would like to see more student scholarships funded by endowments. He also spoke of the Legacy Fund and funds that are secure are $120M with another $10M in promises which brings the total to $130M. The athletic department is working closely with campus specifically Allan Price and the plan is to approach donors for both athletics and academics. Two fundraisers will be added to help accomplish this goal. Another goal of the department is to
provide coaches and student athletes the ability to compete with their peer group in the Pac-10 with facilities and anything else that is needed to succeed.

Kilkenny wanted to let the IAC members know that he is on the Pac-10 search committee that will help find a replacement of Tom Hanson, the current Pac-10 commissioner. The committee is not restricted financially and will look outside the box for a successor. A search firm outside of college athletics will be hired to help in the process. The new commissioner’s first day will be July 1, 2009.

Another topic Kilkenny wanted to inform the committee on is the 2009 football schedule. This schedule will probably include a Thursday night game which will be nationally televised. There will be a conference meeting prior to the next IAC meeting on October 15, 2008 to schedule the game. The athletic department will not have a say in the date as the conference schedules the game.

The current athletic department budget has been budgeted for 7 televised games. To help increase the budget a Thanksgiving game versus Washington will be played along with a Thursday night home game. Nathan Tublitz voiced concerns on the impact of having a game during the week when it comes to academics. He stated that Bill Moos, the previous AD stated a game during the week would happen every 5 years. Tublitz also voiced concern as to the effects of a Thanksgiving game would have on the family. Kilkenny assured Tublitz that he would let the conference know his concerns.

A motion was made:

Motion made that the IAC members cautiously approve scheduling a 2009 Thursday football game and voicing strongly that the game be played before fall term and voicing concern that having games on Thursday aren’t expanded in the future.

10 approved, 1 opposed, 0 abstained

Renee Baumgartner and Melinda Grier discussed Gender Equity. Both recently met with members of the Civil Rights and the University has met the Three Part Test of the Policy Guidance. It should be noted that the University has added three women’s sports in the last three years.

Steve Stopl gave a brief presentation on the services for student athletes. Stopl pointed out that study halls are structured and there is tutoring for every class up to 8 per week. There has been an increase in learning specialists which include PhDs with degrees from USC and Berkeley. Tutors hired are law students and the super tutors are law and graduate students who help the students in need of help.
Tom Larson, CFO gave a presentation on the athletic department’s budget. The following is a quick overview of some key points Larson pointed out:

**Income Sources:**

Ticket Sales 28%

Fundraising-DAF 31%

Pac-10, NCAA, TV Away Games 23%

Sponsorships, rentals, fees

Misc 18%

University Support 0%

**Expenditures:**

Payroll 40%

Sports Expenses 26%

Adm, faculty & support

Expense, debt svc. 20%

UO payments-Tuition

Housing, assessments,

Music academic salary 14%

Football revenue totals approximately are $35M this includes Pac-10/NCAA gifts of $9.8M and $16.9M respectively.

Payments back to campus total approximately $8M.

Profits to UO Bookstore for sale of athletic apparel which decreases student textbook costs by 10%, estimated value is over $1.25M annually per Duck Store.

Jim O’Fallon is the Chairman of the enforcement committee within the conference that monitors regulations, academics, etc. This is a self reporting committee that meets three times a year and reports infractions to the NCAA. All NCAA rules come out of the conferences and/or institutions.
Next IAC meeting is October 15, 2008 at 3:00 in the Endzone Terrace (Stadium Club) at Autzen.