

July 23, 2007

Emergency Meeting

Members and Guests Present: Neal Zoumboukos, Melinda Grier, Michael Moffitt, Jim O'Fallon, Pat Kilkenny, Julie Larsson, Nathan Tublitz, Whitney Wagoner, Mark Blaine, Dan Shearer, Gary Gray

Opening Comments: Opening comments were made by Pat Kilkenny on the recent announcement regarding Baseball, Competitive Cheer and Wrestling. Pat thanked Whitney for chairing the meeting in Anita's absence.

Pat went on to explain to the members that in the beginning of March 2007 he conferred with Bill Moos and Dave Frohmayer on issues within the Athletic Department and if Mac Court was to be torn down where would the wrestling team be placed. Also in March Pat met with baseball backers and discussed representation of funds for the establishment of baseball. A meeting was held with Renee Baumgartner to discuss gender equity and diversity. At this point a committee of 3-4 people was formed to discuss the feasibility of reinstating baseball, establishing competitive cheer and the elimination of wrestling.

After extensive due diligence the committee felt the decision to reinstate baseball, add competitive cheer and eliminate wrestling was financially sound.

Anita Weiss was informed of the process late in the process due to the fact she had just been elected to the chair of the IAC in June.

Pat stated all steps were taken to ensure that the information was released in a timely and sensitive manner. Apologies were made by Pat to the wrestlers and coaches on the information being released prematurely.

Pat discussed the decision to move forward with baseball was based on the following:

- broader donor base
- competition
- philosophical agreement with the Eugene Emeralds
- will be able to stay within the current budget for the Athletic Department with the reinstatement of baseball.
- future revenue will be increased.

Summary:

The following suggestions were made for future discussions on improving communication with the

IAC:

- form an executive committee within the IAC

- a liaison between the faculty and the athletic department will be opened for discussion.

At the next regular IAC meeting held in the fall the following will be discussed:

- charge of the IAC

- levels of baseline confidentiality

- proforma numbers for baseball

- update on the basketball arena

- Title IX

- Growth of the Athletic Department

- governances of the IAC

- make up of the IAC (i.e.: students on the committee)

Pat Kilkenny would like to invite Dave Sparks to the IAC meetings going forward.

Next regular IAC meeting September 2007