Committee Members and Guests Present: Anna Poponyak, Nathan Tublitz, Jim Isenberg, Michael Moffitt, Deb Morrison, Anita Weiss, Dave Peterson, George Rowe, Pat Kilkenny, Gary Gray, Neal Zoumboukos, Kristi Morris, Dev Sinha, Peter Gilkey, Suzanne Rowe, and Janet Wasko.

Introductions were made for the benefit of new members.

Year Wrap-up by Pat Kilkenny
Athletic Director, Pat Kilkenny, gave his remarks on the year. They are posted online at http://www.uoregon.edu/~icac/dirIAC/KilkennyAC4Jun08.pdf.

Michael Moffitt brought up the issue of Pat’s departure as athletic director next June 2009 and how that will coincide with President Frohnmayer’s resignation and subsequent hire of a new president. Michael expressed the concern of hiring a new athletic director before the new president is in place, which would create an uncertain environment for an incoming AD. Pat stated that he has communicated to President Frohnmayer his willingness to be flexible in his departure date so that the timing works for best for all parties.

Nathan Tublitz asked Pat to comment on what athletics has done over the year to improve relations with academics. Pat stated that assigning Neal Zoumboukos the task of faculty relations was the first big step. Neal has worked to open up lines of communication between faculty members and the athletic department. He has made himself available to them to express concerns, which he then relays to the athletic executive committee. Efforts were also made to recognize distinguished faculty on radio spots during men’s and women’s basketball games. Additionally, the athletic department sent at least one representative to every senate meeting this year. Nathan acknowledged that Neal has done an outstanding job at improving faculty relations and the committee gave him a round of applause.

IAC Report
Anita Weiss presented the IAC end of year report created by Dave Sinha, Whitney Wagoner and Anita. All agreed it was a complete and well-written report and it will be submitted in writing to the senate. The report will also be posted on the IAC website at http://www.uoregon.edu/~icac/IAC.html.

Pat stated that he has been interviewing outgoing student-athletes and all of them have been very positive about their academic experience. Even those who did not have the best athletic experience, were still happy with their decision to attend Oregon because they received such a quality education.

New Chairperson
Anita Weiss’ term as chair of the committee has ended and the committee discussed who would be chair for next year. Anita reminded the committee that in order to be nominated, one must be willing to accept the position and also be a tenured faculty member. Anita nominated Janet Wasko. After
discussion by the committee, Nathan Tublitz moved that the committee vote on Janet’s nomination and George Rowe seconded. All were in favor and Janet was elected the 2008-09 chair of the IAC.

Meeting adjourned.