INTERCOLLIGATE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

March 4, 2009

Minutes

Attendees: Janet Wasko; Pat Kilkenny; Neal Zoumboukos; Julie Larsson; Gary Gray; Richard Taylor; George Rowe; Nathan Tublitz; Mandy Chong; Suzanne Rowe; Anna Poponyak; Jim O’Fallon; Sam Boush; Eric Pederson; Brad Shelton

Guests: Vin Lananna; Colleen Wren; Andy Powell and Jim Isenberg

Opening Statements:

Janet Wasko announced two new members to the committee to replace Whitney Wagoner and Peter Gilkey. The new members are Brad Shelton and Eric Pederson.

Faculty Network for Track & Field:

A presentation was given by Jim Isenberg on this topic. The idea behind this is to facilitate greater understanding and interaction between faculty and the Track & Field Program. A number of complimentary tickets would be made available to interested faculty for the Pac-10 Championship in mid-May. The program is in its infancy stage and a sub-committee of Isenberg, Colleen Wren and Richard Taylor was formed to return to the committee at the next meeting with much more detail. Topics to be discussed are the number of tickets, compliance issues, distribution of tickets, etc.

Visiting Coaches Series:

Director of Men and Women’s Track & Field Vin Lananna made a brief statement regarding the presentation that was made by Andy Powell, Men and Women’s Track Coach. Powell discussed the academic mission portrayed in home for potential student athletes. Powell stated that the vast majority of track & field student athletes are here for the experience of academics first and then track. The student athlete that Powell seeks out is high end students. These students have extremely good GPAs and SAT scores. Academics are discussed first then athletics. Powell makes it a point to know what the student is interested in and the student comes to the University. Powell brings the student in on a Thursday for the student to meet professor and visit classes. Once the students commits to the University they are assigned an academic advisor who helps them sign up for classes, select majors, keeps track of the student athlete and also keeps the coach in the loop. Mandatory 8 hours of study hall and tutors are required for first year student athletes. The APR for the Men’s Outdoor Track programs is 986.
Updates:

Pat Kilkenny gave an update on various topics:

He stated that the search for a new Pac-10 Commissioner is almost finished. An announcement will be coming out in the not too distance future. Kilkenny also stated that there is a salary and hiring freeze for the athletic department.

Kilkenny let the committee know that there will be a Thursday night game on ESPN against Oregon State. The game is during dead week. Five games have been committed for television on ESPN and ABC. The department budgeted 7 games. Last year the University was 7th in television revenue and this year the University will be second with approximately $1.6M.

$100,000 donation from the athletic department was given to the Provost which is committed to the Library.

Kilkenny spoke about the start of Baseball and how the team is off to a good start with a win Opening Day versus the defending World Series Champions Fresno State.

A succession plan for Mike Bellotti to become Athletic Director will be announced this month and the contract for the head coach in waiting will have academic contingencies.

Gary Gray gave an update on University of Oregon APRs:

Every sport is above the 925 cut score. The rolling four year is 935. For the 2007-08 the football APR is 958. These numbers will be announced by the NCAA shortly.

Janet Wasko will make a public acknowledgement regarding the $100,000 donation to the library from athletics and the APR numbers to at least the Daily Emerald.