

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center

December 11, 1997

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Mary-Lyon Dolezal, Steve Kevan, John Leahy, Duncan McDonald, Bill Moos, Marilyn Nippold, Jim O'Fallon, Catherine Page, Alan Stavitsky, and Debbie Nankivell.

Athletic Department Update

Bill introduced Renee Baumgartner, Head Women's Golf Coach and Interim Senior Women's Administrator, to the committee. A national search was conducted to replace Barbara Walker, Senior Associate Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator, who resigned during the summer. After conducting interviews for the position, it was decided to close the search and assign Renee some of the SWA responsibilities through June, 1998. The search will be reopened in the spring when the applicant pool should be larger.

Las Vegas Bowl

The UO football team was invited to participate in the Las Vegas Bowl on December 20th. This bowl is a great fit for our team since we have no conflicts with finals during bowl week and a large number of Duck fans will likely travel to Las Vegas. In addition, the increased number of practices to prepare for the bowl game will benefit next year's team. Coach Bellotti will continue to be very busy with bowl practices, recruiting, and hiring coaching staff. Three new coaches will be hired in the next few weeks to replace departing staff.

Athletic Department Facilities Update

The roof of the new **Indoor Practice Facility** should be raised the first week in January. The completion date has now been moved back to summer. The **football practice fields and soccer field** are progressing on schedule using state-of-the-art technology that should help the fields hold up despite heavy usage. If the field project is as successful as expected, the artificial surface in Autzen Stadium may be converted to turf using the same process as the new fields. Other possible enhancements may be made to Autzen Stadium, depending on the availability of funding.

Office of Civil Rights Update

The Women's Legal Foundation filed a legal action last year citing the UO and 24 other universities with inequities in funding scholarships for men and women student-athletes. A meeting was held recently with OCR investigators and UO representatives to discuss the case and explain the statistical data used in responding to the complaint. The OCR investigators will review this new information and contact the UO in the next couple of months.

For Division IA institutions, the large number of football student-athletes and scholarships tend to skew the ratios when comparing men's and women's programs. The Athletic Department intends to

add another women's sport, hopefully by 2000.

Renee Baumgartner will be responsible for updating the department's annual Title IX report. This report tracks the department's continuing progress toward full compliance with Title IX requirements.

Athletic Department Long Range Planning

The department is beginning a long range planning process to ensure that future department needs can be met. More information about this project should be available at an upcoming IAC meeting.

NCAA Self-Study Report Update

Duncan McDonald, the chair of the NCAA Self-Study Steering Committee, informed the group about the progress in the NCAA Self-Study process. The process has been underway for over ten months. In late April, the site team will visit campus and meet with committee members as well as others throughout campus to ask questions and assess the accuracy of the report. Sandy Walton and Randy Buhr have been very involved in the process from the department. Four subcommittee chairs have been responsible for developing separate reports on each of the committee's findings:

Governance & Commitment to Rules - Ralph Barnhard

Academic Integrity - Martha Pitts

Fiscal Integrity - Sherri McDowell

Commitment to Equity - Ken Lehrman

These subcommittee reports will be compiled into one final report which will be available for public review before sending to the NCAA in January. Bill Moos commended Duncan for his leadership on this project, as well as the subcommittee members for their efforts.

Next Meeting

The next IAC meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 28th at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Casanova Center**. Agenda items include continuation of the discussion on the NCAA Self-Study and a review of the NCAA Convention. Please send any items to be included on the agenda to Steve Kevan.

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