

Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Meeting

Heritage Hall, Bowerman Building

February 15, 1996

Committee Members and Guests Present: Ralph Barnhard, Mike Bellotti, Judith Grosenick, Andy Halpern, Jim Isenberg, Ken Kempner, Bill Moos, Larry Neal, Jim O'Fallon, Lou Osternig, Nani Sarosa, Susan Trafton, Barbara Walker, and Debbie Nankivell.

SOAR Classes

None of the committee members have had a chance to visit a SOAR class this term. All members are encouraged to attend a class this term as there are no classes scheduled for next term. Karen Nelson will attend the April IAC meeting to update the committee on the SOAR classes.

Title IX Review Committee

Barbara Walker distributed an outline describing the Title IX Review Committee's role, structure, and process for completing its charge. Ken Lehrman from the university's Affirmative Action office completed a thorough review of gender equity issues within the Athletic Department last year. Due to some legal issues, the information he compiled cannot be openly shared, however, Ken will be available to assist the committee with its study. The committee will report to the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee annually on gender equity issues within the Athletic Department, with the first report to be completed by June 1, 1996. The IAC representative will be Mimi Goldman, a faculty member and former IAC chair, who volunteered to represent the group on the Title IX Review Committee for a two year term. The department continues to strengthen its women's athletic programs and believes it is in compliance regarding Title IX issues.

Football Program Update

Coach Mike Bellotti updated the committee on the status of the UO football program. The coaching staff's recruiting efforts produced a highly ranked class of recruits this year.

Mike recently returned from NCAA Division I head football coaches' meetings where the group proposed changes in some NCAA regulations. These changes include the elimination of tie games next season and changes in recruiting rules regarding visits, phone contact dates, and the length of the recruiting period.

Mike also related that agents have become a complicating factor in working with student-athletes. The number of student-athletes who feel disenfranchised with their coaches and universities is increasing. Some student-athletes believe they are not adequately rewarded for their efforts which bring in huge dollars to universities and other programs. The committee suggested that the SOAR classes include information to help student-athletes deal with these issues.

Mike expects to announce the new offensive coordinator at a press conference on Friday, February

16th. [Update - Dirk Koetter from Boston College has been selected for the position].

The department is planning to build a new indoor practice facility to be used for football as well as other sports. The most likely location for the facility will be next to the Cas Center with an expected completion date of 1997. Bill Moos and Mike Bellotti will be traveling to other universities in March to check out similar indoor facilities and get input from users and architects. The department expects to pay for this facility with donations.

Mike also expressed the need for players who have been injured participating in their sport to obtain assistance getting to and from classes. Mike will check with Hilary Gerdes, who may be able to help.

The UO's overall academic support for student-athletes is low in comparison with other Pac-10 schools, even with recent additions in academic support staff and improvements to facilities and equipment. Additional academic support is becoming increasingly necessary as higher UO entrance requirements create more disparity between student-athletes and the general student body.

Nike Contract

The contract with Nike should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 4, 1996 at Mac Court. A tour of the facilities will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the meeting scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.