

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting

Johnson Hall Conference Room

April 3, 2002

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Marian Friestad, Gary Gray, Jenny Kenyon, Tom Larson, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Jeff Oliver, Janet Rose, Jim Schombert, Brad Shelton, and David Strom.

Senate Resolution

Discussed senate resolution regarding scheduling of athletic events during dead week and final exam week. The resolution was changed to read that no football games (rather than athletic events) would be scheduled during dead week and final exam week. Members of the IAC have discussed this issue twice and reached consensus that scheduling a football game during these weeks was not detrimental to the university's student-athletes. After discussing and considering the matter fully at its February, 2002 meeting, the committee approved the department proceeding with moving the Washington football games to championship Saturday in 2002 and 2003 should Bill determine that the moves are in the best interest of the department. The amount of increased revenue the department would receive to move the games as it continues to reduce university support was an important component in the decision making process.

The committee agreed that the senate needs to be fully informed about the issue before reacting to the resolution. The following items should be emphasized at the senate meeting when the resolution will be discussed.

- C UO Athletics is a quality program.
- C The GPA's for the UO's student-athletes are higher than those of the student body as a whole.
- C The UO's student-athletes' routines are regimented with scheduled study hall sessions and tutors.
- C Statistics have shown that the UO's student-athletes do better academically while their sports are in season.
- C The focus needs to be on the failed premise of the resolution that the competition adversely affects performance on final exams. It has been shown that the football players' academic welfare is improved by extending the length of the season.

Next Meeting

The final IAC meeting of the year has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room at the Casanova Center.

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