

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting
Director's Conference Room - Casanova Center
February 7, 2002

Committee Members and Guests Present: Renee Baumgartner, Gary Gray, Walker Hanlon, Dave Heeke, Jenny Kenyon, Tom Larson, Katy Lenn, Bill Moos, Jim O'Fallon, Jeff Oliver, Janet Rose, Jim Schombert, Brad Shelton, David Strom, Todd Zimbelman, and Debbie Nankivell.

University Athletics Task Force

Brad Shelton reported that the University Athletics Task Force held its first meeting on February 6th. IAC Committee members will be kept informed on the progress of the task force.

Post Season Competition Academic Issues

Discussed the plans in place for student-athletes who may be participating in post season competition to complete academic assignments or finals while out of town. The Support Services for Student-Athletes' staff will work closely with faculty regarding scheduled absences for student-athletes, band, and rally members who will be out of town during this academic term.

Student Ticket Negotiations

The committee was updated concerning the status of the department's negotiations with the ASUO regarding student tickets for next year. The negotiations are going well. The department and ASUO are also involved in improving options for student ticket distribution.

OUS Athletic Department Budgets

A financial report from OUS will be presented to the OUS Board this month comparing the budgets of the state university athletic departments.

Nike Contract Status

The department's contract with Nike is in its final year and negotiations will begin soon to renew the contract. The university's contract is one of fourteen exclusive agreements Nike has with universities to provide apparel, shoes, equipment, and supplements for coaches' salaries.

Possible Changes in Future Football Dates

Discussed the possibility of moving the 2002 and 2003 football games with Washington to ABC's championship Saturday in early December. The moves would provide extra byes between games, guarantee exposure to a national audience, and provide a large payouts to both institutions. The concerns expressed by some faculty when the 2001 Civil War game was moved were discussed. The extended season helped the football student-athletes remain focused on academics for finals. The revenue from the guaranteed TV coverage is needed for the department to continue to reduce university support and remain in Title IX compliance by adding a new sport.

After discussing and considering the matter fully, 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.

Department Administrative Restructure

Distributed a memo from Bill Moos which outlined a recent restructure in the department's administrative staff. The salaries of most of the department's administrative staff were frozen during the past few years with no across-the-board cost of living increases being given until a 3% increase in July of 2001.

Next Meeting

Committee members will be contacted once the next meeting date and time are set. At this time, no meeting has been scheduled for March, 2002.

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