

IAC Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm
Pittman Room, Casanova Center

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian McWhorter.

The minutes of the November 29th meeting were approved without any changes.

Chair's Update - Brian McWhorter

Professor McWhorter met with President Gottfredson at the beginning of the term to discuss improving communication between the IAC members and the staff in the Department of Athletics. The Chair emphasized that following the ground rules for requesting information from the Athletics staff will be the most effective. Questions to be asked of and information requested from the Athletic Department should be forwarded to the Chair or an Executive Committee member. Requests will not be censored, but requestors should prioritize them.

President Gottfredson does not view the random drug testing performed by the Department of Athletics to be an academic matter, therefore there is no faculty oversight on this policy and procedure. The IAC will express its concerns in this matter in its report to the Senate. Comments can be forwarded to the Chair.

The Random Drug Testing OAR is not a part of the UO Student Code and there is no requirement or reporting structure in place to report positive results to the UO Police Department or the Eugene Police Department. A positive drug test is not a crime in itself and there is the issue of student confidentiality.

President Gottfredson asked that the IAC work on issues related to academic matters, such as the upcoming 10th year review. The Chair asked members to consider whether the charges need to be changed or re-written.

The President gave his full support for the student data request insofar as the interpretation of the data relates to academic matters only. The granting of the request for the data is now in the hands of the Senate.

Athletic Director's update – Rob Mullens

Attendance in Autzen Stadium has been standing room only for many, if not most, of the home football games for the past several seasons. Staff members in the Department of Athletics have had recent discussions with City of Eugene staff regarding crowd safety issues. Recommendations of an independent analysis of the safety of the attendees in the stadium were to put a cap on the number of SRO tickets sold, to add additional stairs to

access and egress the stadium, and painted lines for pedestrians crossing Martin Luther King Blvd. Longer-term improvements are needed for safety, accessibility and egress. Such projects are now in the planning stages.

The search for a new Head Football Coach happened very quickly. The Athletic Director met with the Chair of the IAC to inform him of the search and its progress. Names of candidates were not disclosed. This was a high visibility hire and while ideally there would have been more faculty input, time was of the essence due to the time of year and its point in the recruiting schedule. The new coach's contract was made public the day it was signed and contains the same academic incentives as the former Head Football Coach's contract.

This has been the third Head Coach search this year; Robert Johnson was an internal candidate for the position of Track & Field Head Coach (and he was a minority hire) and a member of the IAC, Jen Reynolds, was on the search committee for the new Head Soccer Coach.

Analysis of Financial Cost/Benefit of Athletics Department -Dev Sinha

The committee exited the Pittman Room to gather in the Football Theatre in order to view Professor Sinha's presentation of his analysis of the available financial data of athletic departments in schools across the country. (A copy of the PowerPoint slides will be distributed with these minutes.) Using reported revenue, but not institutional support, and all sports and non-sports (or overhead) expenses, his analysis shows that in spite of its smaller stadium capacity, Oregon outperforms many other schools.

The meeting was adjourned for the working groups to break out into individual sessions.