

Meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Minutes (Draft)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nathan Tublitz.

Attending were Maneesh Arora, Molly Bacon, Ben DeJarnette, Bill Harbaugh, Kurt Kruger, Donna Laue, Deanna Linville, Madonna Moss, Jim O'Fallon, Dev Sinha, Glen Waddell, and Eric Wiltshire, members; Rob Mullens, Jim Bartko, Gary Gray, Lisa Peterson, Craig Pintens and Eric Roedl, Department of Athletics; and guest Sam Stites, undergraduate student.

Absent: Ben Eckstein, Brian McWhorter, Leah Middlebrook, Jennifer Reynolds, Stephen Stolp

Nathan introduced Sam Stites, an undergraduate student majoring in Journalism and a reporter for the *Oregon Daily Emerald*. As a reporter, Sam is welcome to attend the meeting, but he may not report on it.

The minutes of the January 27th meeting of the IAC were not discussed or voted on. The committee draft of the minutes has been posted on the IAC webpage without any of the proposed changes.

Task #2: Review of the Faculty Athletics Representative

Discussion was held regarding the involvement of the IAC in the review process of the FAR. As an appointee of the University President, the review of the FAR is the President's option. The IAC Chair will draft a letter to the President requesting a review of Jim O'Fallon.

A late arriving observer was invited to introduce himself and state his affiliation with the University. As he did not have one, the Chair requested that he leave as the committee would be discussing personnel issues in Executive Session and stated that open meeting laws do not apply to the IAC as it is strictly an advisory body.

Special Admits – Student-Athletes

Bill Harbaugh provided background information on two committees authorized to review "special admits," admission files of students who do not meet the admissions criteria required by the University of Oregon. One committee reviews application files from students who have a special ability in one or more areas, excluding athletics, but who fall below standard admission requirements. The other reviews applications from prospective student-athletes who fall below the standard admission requirements.

With the raising of admissions requirements, the number of special admits has been decreasing. Professor Harbaugh electronically distributed a handout showing special admit statistics for the academic years 2007-08 through 2010-11, the last year of available data .

Discussion was held on the merits of the IAC having a representative on the committee that evaluates the PSA files. Chairman Tublitz will contact Brian Henley, the Director of Admissions to discuss this topic.

Athletic Department Mission Statement

Chairman Tublitz distributed suggested a handout with suggested language for the Athletic Department Academic Mission Statement. The current Mission Statement that is posted on the goducks.com webpage already incorporates most of the suggested language. Athletic Director Mullens stated that the current Mission Statement will be reviewed when a strategic planning meeting is held.

How can the Athletic Department support academics?

30 second spots highlighting the University are now aired during games. With the development of the PAC-12 Network, there will be additional broadcast opportunities to promote the University of Oregon. There will be one national and seven regional networks that will require programming. They will be airing live games and replays, but original programming is expensive to develop. Programming produced by the university would be low cost for the network. Those who are prepared early on to provide programming will have the most advantage. In addition, there will be student internship opportunities with the network and during the airing of live games.

Faculty Coach Program: several faculty members are invited to follow the football and women's basketball teams and coaches through their meetings and game prep on home game days, giving faculty a better understanding of the student-athlete experience.

Development of a Faculty Mentorship Program for a variety of majors was suggested.

The Chair called for members interested in volunteering to form a subcommittee to generate ideas for the Athletic Department to promote academics to email him expressing their interest.

Compliance update – Jim O'Fallon

The NCAA has morphed from a Town Hall method of decision-making to a corporate model that utilizes working groups.

Recent major changes in By-Laws:

11. Staffing: number of coaches (simplification, deregulation)
12. Amateurism: sources and amounts of permissible support received by student-athletes
13. Recruiting: deregulation of recruiter/PSA contact
14. Academics: little change; degree progress to retain eligibility
15. Financial Aid: The NCAA is considering legislation to make the \$2,000 stipend for student-athletes need-based only. An update will be provided when available.

Academic fraud: for consistency, this will be defined by NCAA instead of institutions.

Sports advisors: PSAs may talk with anyone so long as they do not commit to any kind of a deal.

Multi-year Grants-in-Aid: SAAC is opposed; student-athletes could hold on to packages regardless of performance.

Post-eligibility Awards: Under consideration to enable student-athletes to complete degree requirements after playing eligibility is exhausted.

Improving academic success: NCAA is instituting changes to initial eligibility standards to strengthen academics. Required High school GPA will increase from 2.0 to 2.3, effective 2015, and there will be adjustments to initial eligibility and transfers from two-year colleges.

APR will rise from 900 to 930.

There will be an expansion of the violation structure for infractions, tiered in 3 levels, scaled to the severity of the violation.

Next meeting:

The next meeting of the IAC is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, at 3:00 pm in Room 236 of the Jaqua Academic Center.