



**Intercollegiate Athletics Committee
Annual Report
2015-2016**

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Andrew Karduna, Professor of Human Physiology, IAC chair

Committee membership:

Voting Members

Andrew Karduna, Human Physiology – CAS, chair
Benjamin Hansen, Economics - CAS
Anita Weiss, International Studies - CAS
Chris Sinclair, Mathematics - CAS
Jack Boss, Music & Dance - Prof School
Kim Sheehan, Journalism & Communication - Prof School
Elizabeth Skowron, Education - Prof School
Merle Weiner, Law - Prof School
Laura Leete, PPPM - Senate Appointed Rep.
Tim Gleason, Faculty Athletics Representative
Lisa Levitt, UO Libraries - Classified Staff
Chasmodai "Chas" Cassidy, UO Libraries - Classified Staff
Mario Radic, Student
Shawn Stevenson, Student
Andrew Dunn, Student

Although the charge specifies 18 voting members, two resigned and one never responded to any communication from the chair.

Ex Officio Non-Voting Members

Rob Mullens, Athletics Director
Eric Roedl, Deputy Athletic Director
Lisa Peterson, Senior Associate Athletics Director / Senior Women's Administrator
Jody Sykes, Chief Compliance Officer
Craig Pintens, Senior Associate Athletics Director



Summary/Work Chronology:

This year can best be described as a transition year for the IAC. So before I address what was done this year, a little history will help put things in perspective. In the spring of 2014, the chair of the IAC, Rob Illig, recommended that the President form a second committee on intercollegiate athletics - one specifically designated to advise the President. Shortly after this, President Gottfredson formed and appointed members to the President's Advisory Group on Intercollegiate Athletics (PAGIA). During the 2014-2015 academic year, athletics interacted with this committee, rather than with the IAC. The same was true for the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). Rob's successor, Kurt Kruger, did a phenomenal job of engaging the broader UO community with issues related to intercollegiate athletics. However, it is someone ironic to have a committee charged with issues related to intercollegiate athletics, without, engagement from intercollegiate athletics.

When I agreed to be chair of the IAC, it was with one over-riding agenda item: figure out how we can fulfill our charge. I saw two options - A) working with athletics to engage with the committee and/or B) change the charge. While I started working on option A, it soon became apparent that option B was also necessary.

Over the course of the year, several members from the athletics department, and those who engage with athletics, have attended and participated in IAC meetings:

Steve Stolp (Director of Support Services for Student-Athletes)
Review of Services for Student-Athletes

Jody Sykes (Chief Compliance Officer) and Tim Gleason (Faculty Athletics Representative)
Overview of Athletic Department NCAA and Pac-12 Compliance Activities.

Eric Roedl (Deputy Athletic Director)
Overview of Athletics' Finances

Vin Lantana (Associate Athletic Director)
Presentation on the 2021 IAAF World Championships

In parallel with increasing the connection between the IAC and athletics, I met with President Schill to brainstorm on ways to move forward. He was very clear that he wanted an advisory committee, and that if the Senate could not provide him with an appropriate one, he would form his own. So began the process of working on a revised charge. With input from models from other PAC 12 schools provided by Tim Gleason, the committee worked on drafting a revised charge. I also reached out to IAC chairs from the past decade. All expressed concerns about the



current charge, including examples of where the charge was not being followed and how the committee was not very effective in engaging with athletics or the central administration.

I shared our progress with President Schill, and after some back and forth, we ended up with a version that he supported. The committee voted on April 4 to approve recommending a new charge to be considered by the Senate. This charge is attached as an appendix to this report. This draft was then sent on to the Committee on Committees, resulting in a few additions (these are also noted in the appendix).

Based on initial conversation with Senate President, Randy Sullivan, I was optimistic that this new charge would be considered and voted on by the senate during this academic year. However, after being discussed by the Committee on Committees, I was informed by Senate Vice-President, Bill Harbaugh, that because of other issues coming before the Senate, that this new charge would not be considered until the 2016-2017 academic year.

Recommendations:

Here are my recommendations going forward:

Next year's IAC Work with President Schill and athletics on the spirit of the proposed charge and focus on issues related to the academic performance of student-athletes and the student life of athletes.

President Schill Work the IAC, rather than the PAGIA, on issues related to athletics.

Committee on Committees Discuss and move the new charge to a vote by the full Senate, ideally in the fall of 2016.

In terms of revising the charge, my feelings are best summed by what one of the IAC members wrote to me: "To go from being a superfluous committee that no one pays attention to toward becoming a viable and productive advisory committee to the president, with president and athletic department attendance and engagement in meetings, seems to me to dramatically increase the actual (positive) influence the IAC may have under the new charge."



APPENDIX – Proposed charge

Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee

Purpose

The Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee (IAAC) advises the President of the University of Oregon on policies and practices of the Athletic Department and academic units as they affect academics on campus. Specifically, the committee is charged with advising the President on all issues related to the academic performance of student-athletes and the student life of athletes. The Committee may at the President's direction, engage broader issues regarding the relation of the athletics program to the overall mission of the university and NCAA or PAC12 policies. **Additionally, the IAAC is charged with bringing issues related to the academics of student-athletes to the Senate with recommendations for action as needed.**

Membership

Voting Members

There are eleven voting members - eight teaching faculty, broadly drawn from various academic units, of the university, and three students.

Faculty: Three of the faculty members shall be appointed by the President, four shall be elected and one shall be the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR). Faculty members shall serve staggered renewable two-year terms.

Students: One of the student members shall be appointed by the President, one shall be appointed by the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) and one shall be a varsity student-athlete selected by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC). Student members shall serve for one year.

Non-Voting Members

There are five *Ex-Officio*, non-voting members.

Vice President for Enrollment Management
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies
Director of Services for Student Athletes
Intercollegiate Athletic Director
Senior Associate Athletic Director / Senior Women's Administrator



Responsibilities

The chair shall be appointed by the President from one of the faculty committee members. The chair for the following year shall be appointed no later than the final regularly scheduled meeting in the preceding spring term.

The chair shall meet with the President over the summer to discuss the agenda for the academic year. Subsequent meetings during the academic year may be necessary to revise and add to the agenda. The Committee is ultimately responsible for accepting the agenda and it may add issues to the agenda by a majority vote of the Committee.

This chair is responsible for submitting an annual written report to the Senate President and Senate Executive Coordinator, no later than June 1. **At a minimum, this report should contain a summary of the academic performance of student-athletes and the student life of athletes over the past academic year.** The chair is also responsible for apprising the University Senate in a timely manner of any Committee actions requiring University Senate action.

The Committee shall meet at least two times each academic term, with the President in attendance for at least one meeting per term. Additional meetings to discuss specific items may be scheduled at the request of the President, the University Senate, the Chair, or a majority of the Committee.

Note – Highlighted text was added after consultation with the Committee on Committees, but was not explicitly approved by the IAC.