Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Minutes

In attendance: Dev Sinha, Mathematics; Anita Weiss, International Studies; Donna Laue, English; Grace Golden, Human Physiology; Jim Isenberg, Math and ITS; Eric Pederson, Linguistics; Eric Wiltshire, School of Music; Rob Mullens, Lorraine Davis, Renee Baumgartner, Gary Gray, Jamie Moffitt, and Jim O’Fallon, Athletics; and guests Randy Geller, General Counsel and Chelsea White and Britta LeBlanc, student-athletes on the Acrobatics & Tumbling team.

IAC Chairman’s Report:

Dev attended the Student-Athletes Donor Dinner on April 11 and sat at Rob’s table. It was great to see the students interacting with the supporters attending who contribute to scholarships.

Elections for University committees are coming. Dev is running for IAC again. He suggested the committee members consider the idea of co-chairs for next year to spread out the workload and increase contacts at events.

Athletic Director’s Report:

Rob corroborated Dev’s remarks about the Donor Dinner. It was a good turnout and an enjoyable evening. The donors enjoy meeting the students they are supporting and the students can put faces to the names of the people who are helping to fund their scholarships.

60 student-athletes have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

O Heroes students have accumulated 750 – 800 hours of service per term. The first O Heroes annual talent show, SHOWTIME!, will be presented on Sunday, May 8 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at the McDonald Theatre. Every team will be represented and IAC committee members are encouraged not only to attend, but to spread the word among their colleagues.

The preparation of the FY2012 budget, zero-based for the first time, is proving to be time intensive for Jamie Moffitt, Tom Larson and Mary Ellen Mansfield, but a template for future years is being created.

There has been media coverage of the pending Pac-12 broadcast agreement. Everyone should be aware that proceeds to the Athletic Department will be 1/12th of the numbers published and fees and expenses will be deducted. Our 6-year budget model has this growth built in.
Lorraine Davis:

Saturday, May 14th, will be Staff Appreciation Day. The celebration will begin with a reception will be held in the End Zone Terrace Room beginning at 12:30 pm, moving to the baseball game in PK Park at 2:00 pm.

The Academic Awards Banquet is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd, in the Club Room at Autzen. The Social begins at 6:30 pm with the dinner and program starting at 7:00 pm.

The Department of Athletics Graduation Ceremony for student-athletes is set for Sunday, June 12th, in the Club Room at Autzen. For more information, contact Katie Harbert, Coordinator for Student Athlete Development at 6-5367.

Renée Baumgartner:

Renée introduced two student-athletes from the Acrobatics & Tumbling team, Britta LeBlanc, a senior from Atlanta, Georgia, and Chelsea White, a junior from Valencia, California. The Oregon team won the national title at the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association Team Championships in Matthew Knight Arena on Saturday, April 9.

As Acrobatics & Tumbling has been recognized with emerging sport status, the student-athletes have equal access to treatment and academic support. Set-up equipment expenses are low, mainly practice mats. Acrobatics & Tumbling student-athletes receive the same or similar scholarship support as Lacrosse student-athletes.

Randy Geller, General Counsel:

Presentation topic: Title IX

Two handouts were distributed: a copy of the portion of Title 34, chapter 1, section 106.41, that pertains to athletics and a summary of policy guidance for institutions. Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 is the landmark legislation that bans discrimination based on gender by institutions that receive federal funds, whether it be in academics or athletics, including the areas of employment, admissions, housing, financial aid, sexual harassment and sexual assault. The last two are significant sources of litigation. Compliance with Title IX is overseen by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), which does annual reporting. Schools’ data is available on the OCR website. Improvements to facilities do impact compliance with Title IX regs.

Announcement:

Renée that the IAC Committee members are invited to be guests at the Women in Athletics Celebration that will be held on Saturday, May 7 in the Matthew Knight Arena. The social hour begins at 5:30 pm, with dinner and the program to follow.