

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 3, 2010

In attendance: Dev Sinha, Mathematics; Colin Rice, ASUO; Jim Isenberg, Mathematics; Kurt Krueger, Classified Staff; Eric Pederson, Linguistics; Eric Wiltshire, Music; Deanna Linville, Education; Donna Laue, English; Grace Golden, Human Physiology; Rob Mullens, Lorraine Davis, Gary Gray and Jamie Moffitt, Athletics (Note: from memory as the sign-in sheet was not returned)

Introductions

Announcements

Mike Duncan, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Facilities, Operations & Events will speak at the November 29th IAC meeting about scheduling outside events in the new Matt Knight Arena.

One of the Winter term IAC meetings will be held in the Casanova Center and will include a tour of the training facilities and Autzen Stadium.

Michael Redding is the UO Vice President for University Relations and the Office of Communications reports to him. The IAC would like to offer input into the information about the University that is communicated through Athletics messages.

Athletic Director's Report:

Pac10/12 update: The Pac-12 will be official effective July 1, 2011. The vote for North/South Divisions was unanimous; divisions pertain to football only. The Pac-12 Football Championship game will be played on the first Saturday in December each year at the top-seeded school's stadium. The 2011 Football schedule will be release by Saturday, November 6. We will be hosting a Thursday home game in 2011 on October 6.

The Pac-12 is now poised to begin television discussions.

For now, MBB and WBB Thursday/Saturday pairings will be continued, although TV negotiations may change that.

Pac10/12 will be employing a media consultant; academic considerations are important.

Federal graduation rates: Rob distributed copies of the Department of Athletics media release concerning the improvement in UO student athlete graduation rates and the accompanying statistical information. GSR takes that into account. Exhausted eligibility rates are no longer reported. Coaching changes have an impact on transfers.

Athletic Department Connections: The lasted version of CONNECTIONS, JOINT VENTURES, and COLLABORATIONS was distributed. Lorraine Davis requests ongoing input to keep this document updated. Brief discussion was held on how to use this information and how to share this information and with whom.

Academic All-Americans: Please plan to attend the Academic All-American Celebration scheduled to be held on Friday, November 5 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm in the Jaqua Academic Center.

Women's Basketball: Tonight's game kicks off the new season of play. All the student athletes' departments have been invited. The Athletic Department is hoping faculty will be more involved and will help in publicizing this sport.

Services for Student Athletes:

Katie Harbert, Coordinator of Student Athlete Development, distributed copies of the agenda from the inaugural Student Athlete Newcomer Orientation that was held on Sunday, September 26 for all incoming freshmen and transfer students.

Katie also distributed copies of the syllabus for the class that she, James Harris and John Duncan have been teaching this term, FHS 199, "Issues of Intercollegiate Athletics." The objectives of this class are to help student athletes find the answers to three questions: "Who am I?" "Where am I?" "Where do I want to go?" The course also helps them develop or improve skills in setting goals, making presentations and providing feedback.

The course may assist them in deciding on their majors by helping them to explore unfamiliar courses of study, especially in the Humanities, Social Sciences, Science and Math. Students may make connections in the less popular majors as passions can lead to previously unconsidered career tracks. Because of the limited time student athletes have available, they are taught to rank interests instead of majors, demonstrating that some sets of interest can fit multiple majors. They are also exposed to tools from the Career Center, including on-line assessments, and the TEP for meaningful feedback.

IAC Chair report:

The IAC webpage is going to be updated Discussion was held on what to include and what to leave out. Suggestions included list of Committee names, including their terms of service, statement of interest and their contact information, minutes of Committee meetings, reports and links to informational documents.

Also discussed was the suggestion of composing a page of answers to frequently asked questions and what the topics should include, sort of an IAC 101, but not a duplication of information available on other University webpages.

Dev suggested creating a blog for conversations about the Athletics/Academics relationship and to share news on this topic. Discussion was held about the issue of keeping the dialogue within the purview of the IAC.