

## **NCAA INTERIM REPORT COMMITTEE**

Meeting #2, Thursday, April 24, 2003

Present: Linda Delene (Committee Chair, Provost's Office), Kathy Beauregard (Intercollegiate Athletics), Linda Borish (Department of History), Jody Brylinsky (Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation), David Corstange, (Intercollegiate Athletics), Carrie Cummings (Registrar's Office), Vernon Payne (Division of Student Affairs), and Arnold Taylor (Office of Information Technology), and Jeff Stone (Intercollegiate Athletics). Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM with a welcome to Kathy Beauregard, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. The summary note #1 of March 18, 2003 was approved as written. Jeff Stone provided an update on two committee's already at work – the Academic Oversight Committee and the Compliance Committee. The Academic Oversight Committee was established in May 2001 and is currently reviewing its role statement and membership, partly due to the reported resignation of Professor Pat Forrest as Chair of the WMU Athletic Board. The Oversight Committee will examine the academic support services available to student-athletes and data related to their retention and graduation rates. The Compliance Committee is updating its membership due to expired terms. The Compliance Committee will most likely follow the model constructed by the Association of College and University Auditors (ACUA) and Syracuse University that is used on a number of campuses nationally. Jeff will report further on the membership, role statements, and tasks for these two committees also at the May meeting.

Kathy Beauregard briefed the Review Committee on several initiatives and changes that have been undertaken since that last NCAA report. Among the items reviewed, she advised the committee of the changes made to the gender-equity plan including about \$250,000 annually, some reduction of salary inequities, and the need for changes that must be instituted due to ongoing interpretations about Title IX. She believes that progress has been made in several areas since the previous NCAA review but that there continues to be room for improvement and many challenges are ahead for intercollegiate athletics, including the fiscal constraints facing the entire University. David Corstange provided two handouts detailing some of the adjustments that had been made and noted that these also serve as planning documents and thus are not in final form. Both Kathy and David will again report at the May meeting on amendments to the division's gender-equity plan and the use of specific strategies to address some continuing disparities among coaches' salaries.

Delene asked the group to consider the use of targeted interviews as well as public comment forums when developing the Committee's final report. Ideas about who to interview were considered; and Jody and Linda volunteered to develop a schematic that outlines an interview plan for members of the Review Committee by the May meeting. In addition to the targeted interviews, at least two public meetings will be held between mid-September and mid-October during the fall semester to present the committee's preliminary report and receive public comment prior to its formal submission on November 15, 2003. Cummings and Stone will also review the data requirements for the interim report in the next several weeks and advise the Review Committee on any potential problems at the May 2003 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM.

**NEXT MEETING: 2:00-4:00 PM, Monday, May 19, 2003**