

NCAA INTERIM REPORT COMMITTEE
Meeting #5, Wednesday, October 1, 2003

Present: Kathy Beauregard (Intercollegiate Athletics), Linda Delene (Committee Chair, Provost's Office), David Corstange, (Intercollegiate Athletics), Linda Borish (Department of History), Andrew Brogowicz (Department of Marketing), Carrie Cummings (Registrar's Office), Vernon Payne (Division of Student Affairs), Monty Porter (Intercollegiate Athletics), Jeff Stone (Intercollegiate Athletics), and Arnold Taylor (Office of Information Technology). Absent: Jody Brylinsky (Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation).

Delene called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and asked for approval of the summary note for meeting #4 of Sept. 17, 2003, which in turn, was approved unanimously. Kathy Beauregard, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, gave her report, beginning with her thanks for the Committee's work. Beauregard advised the Review Committee that the graduate rate for 1996 athletes was 83%, the eighth highest graduation rate among Division IA schools in the nation. She further informed the Committee that President Bailey is in the process of appointing a "Sports Sponsorship Review Committee" to advise her and the President as to which sports should continue to be sponsored by the University. Co-chairs of the Sponsorship Committee will be Chuck Elliott and Lewis Walker. There will be opportunity for public comments although committee meetings will be conducted in executive sessions. The Sports Sponsorship Committee has a reporting date of December 1, 2003, and the NCAA now requires that only 16 sports be sponsored for Division IA membership.

Stone then reported that the Academic Oversight Committee, chaired by Judah Ari-Gur (Aeronautical Engineering) had met on September 26, 2003, and that its minutes would be available shortly. He further noted that the Compliance Committee chaired by Christine Browning (Mathematics) is scheduled to meet on Thursday, Oct. 9. The Gender Equity Committee, chaired by Linda Law (HPER) and also a subcommittee of the Athletic Board, will meet on October 23rd to review the updated gender-equity plan. Stone distributed updated reports on the Gender Equity Plan and the Salary Disparity Report, with Beauregard requesting comments and advice on both items in the very near future. Delene noted that she, Beauregard, and Mathews (Chairperson of the Athletic Board) are meeting with President Bailey on November 5th to present the Interim Review Committee's report, and that the Committee's report must be available across campus for public comment prior to that meeting.

Discussion resumed about the draft interview questions from the Committee's prior meeting that had been reworked by Borish, Brylinsky, and Delene. It had become clear since the Committee's last meeting that little time was available for this task, and that while such information could be useful to the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, questionnaire data is not necessary for the interim report. Brogowicz questioned clarity of purpose for the research, and whether steps should be taken to remove sources of bias during any such interviewing process. After prolonged discussion, a motion was made by Payne, seconded by Corstange, and approved unanimously to provide the draft questions to the Athletic Board for their review and possible use for the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics in preparation for their full NCAA review in 2008.

The Committee's attention turned to consideration of data and the required format for the Interim Report. Delene advised that Zeller, the NCAA staff advisor to the process, had indicated that each item listed in the "Interim Report Instrument" requires a specific institutional response, even if WMU was reporting "none." An item-by-item review assured the Committee that Jeff Stone was well along in assembling materials for inclusion in the report. It was agreed that he would produce a preliminary draft by Monday, October 13 for circulation to all Committee members prior to its meeting of October 15, 2003. Upon the Committee's approval of the draft report, a campus-wide protocol inviting comment would be circulated with the report. Beauregard and Stone both urged Committee members to carefully review materials on pages 19-22 and 23-25 of the September 12 circulation draft, and to provide any suggestions for changes as quickly as possible. Delene and Beauregard will meet separately to draft the introductory section to the Committee's report. There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

**PLEASE NOTE: The last three Interim Review Committee meetings are scheduled for:
10:00 – 11:30 AM on Oct. 15, Oct. 22, and Nov. 12.**