

NCAA INTERIM REPORT COMMITTEE
Meeting #7, Wednesday, October 22, 2003 (Revised)

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

Delene called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with a motion to approve the summary meeting #6 note for Oct 15, 2003, which was approved as written. Kathy Beauregard, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, reported that the Sports Sponsorship Committee expects to make recommendation to her and the President in time for the December 7th meeting of the Board of Trustees. The President has indicated that WMU will remain in the MAC conference and that the intercollegiate athletic program must demonstrate competitive performance. Although the motivation for the current review is largely fiscal, Beauregard noted that the State's fiscal situation continues to appear weak for the next several years, and that University-wide cuts are likely. Beauregard also thanked the Committee for its work, and in particular, Jeff Stone. Beauregard also noted that some changes in the composition of the MAC conference were likely over the next few weeks.

The Committee then reviewed the second preliminary draft that had been circulated earlier. Stone had incorporated the suggestions made last week and this draft was substantially improved. Each member of the committee still had a few suggestions to help further strengthen the final committee report. It was noted that the Committee's final report to the President should be available for campus comment, and Delene will insure that this occurs. Stone indicated he would have the final draft, reflecting this meeting's advice, ready for circulation on Monday, Oct. 27th. Delene asked that committee members send any final advice to her no later than 6:00 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 29th. The subsequent report will be provided to President Bailey on Thursday, Oct. 30th, one week in advance of the Beauregard – Delene meeting with her. The final report is a public document that will be made available both on the web and at various campus locations, for example, at Waldo Library, for WSA, and to various administrative and academic offices.

Committee members then suggested items to note in meeting with the President: the widespread campus and community interest in athletics, the responsiveness of the Athletic Division to this Committee's work and many requests for information, that this was a collaborative effort, and that major changes in committee structure *vis-à-vis* The Athletic Board will serve the ongoing interests of the entire University. Delene will draft a cover letter to reflect these and other related comments. This draft will be circulated to committee members for comment also on Monday, Oct. 27th.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that there was no need for the Committee to meet again. With that agreement, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM with thanks and appreciation to everyone for their focused, active participation.