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## Senate Athletics Committee

### Annual Report

2000-2001

The Senate Athletics Committee met five times during the past academic year. Edward Farragher (School of Business Administration), William Cramer (Kresge Library), Michael Long (School of Education and Human Services) and Sarah Newton (School of Nursing) served as the faculty representatives. John Savio (Vice President, MSU Federal Credit Union) continued to serve as the external community representative appointed by President Russi. Glenn McIntosh (Director, Office of Equity) served as the AP Assembly representative. The Student Congress representative to the committee was unable to attend any of the meetings this past year. When the committee was formed the Athletics Director, Jack Mehl was appointed, ex-officio. Finally, as the Faculty Athletics Representative I was designated the chair of the committee.

The charge to the Senate Athletics Committee is as follows:

1. To advise the Athletics Director and the Vice-President for Finance and Administration on matters related to the administration of the university's athletics programs;
2. To receive timely and regular reports from the Athletics Director and the Vice-President for Finance and Administration on current and proposed plans and policies that affect the athletics programs, including plans and policies on buildings, facilities, budgets, services, academic support and NCAA compliance, and to advise and make recommendations on same;
3. To receive reports and recommendations from other committees and to advise and make recommendations to the Senate and its committees, as needed;
4. To take on additional duties as directed by the Senate Steering Committee; and
5. To report to the Senate at least annually on the status of Oakland University's Intercollegiate Athletics programs.

This year the committee's attention shifted from attendance to caloric intake. The chair of the Senate Athletics Committee attended the regular monthly meeting of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. This student group's primary focus this past academic year was on the food plan provided to student athletics living in the residence halls. The complaints from this group ranged from not enough options on weekends to not enough food provided for the amount of credit available on their meal cards. In January the student athletes met with Eleanor Reynolds, Director of University Housing to go over these issues. The SAC was represented at this meeting by its chair.

This meeting resolved very little and the Athletic Committee decided that they could not make a recommendation regarding the meal plans provided student athletes with the information reported to them. The solution was to contract with the Public Affairs Research Laboratory from the Department of Political Science for a survey of students regarding their food likes and dislikes. Professor Michelle Piskulich conducted the survey during the day long orientation for all student athletes on September 4, 2001. The results of this analysis will be available by October 15. When armed with this information last years committee had agreed to enter into this fray. It will be the responsibility of this years committee to follow up on this promise.

Submitted by,  
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