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OU Senate

Senate Athletics Committee

Annual Report

2001-2002

The Senate Athletics Committee met three times during the past academic year. Edward Farragher (School of Business Administration), William Cramer (Kresge Library), Sheldon Gordon (Biological Sciences) and Sarah Newton (School of Nursing) served as the faculty representatives. Hank Mittelstaedt (Attorney) served his first year 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 continued its focus on caloric intake. We commissioned a survey of student athlete opinion regarding current food plans and eating accommodations. The survey was turned over to the Public Affairs Research Laboratory (PARL). Professor Michelle Piskulich conducted the survey during the daylong orientation for all student athletes on September 4, 2001. The results of this analysis were available on October 15. Based on these results, we wrote a letter to the Vice President for Student Affairs prior to her renegotiations of the food service contract articulating our concerns.

In addition, the chair of this committee met irregularly with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. This year the focus of this group was the absence of an enforceable attendance policy to protect athletics as they are away from campus representing the university. This concern will probably form much of our agenda for the upcoming academic year.

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