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MINUTES OF THE SACUA MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2012

Present: K. Barald, R. Holland, C. Koopmann, F. Larsen, S. Masten, S. Oey, K. Staller (Vice Chair), R. Ziff; L. Carr, T. Schneider

Absent: K. Kearfott (Chair), J. Lehman (Senate Secretary)

Guests: Professors Anne Curzan (FAR), Edie Goldenberg, Jessica Hanes, Rowell Huesmann, Michael Imperiale, Edward Rothman and Allan Stam (members of the ABIA).

Press: Kellie Woodhouse - annarbor.com; Austen Huffard - Michigan Daily; Jamie Iseler - University Record

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

1. Draft SACUA agenda for December 3, 2012
2. Chapter IV, The University Senate, Board of Regents' Bylaws
3. Chapter 11, The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Board of Regents' Bylaws
4. Draft of "Standards for Safeguarding Institutional Governance of Intercollegiate Athletics, Perlman, October 11, 2012

The meeting was convened by Vice Chair Staller.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Minutes of the last meeting are being reviewed by President Coleman and Provost Hanlon and will be available next week.
2. The next Regent's Update is due January 4, 2013.
3. Regent Kathy White will be attending the SACUA meeting of December 10, 2012.
4. Recreational Sports Committee needs one additional member.

OTHER BUSINESS

Charlie Koopmann handed out item #4. Some discussion regarding the content followed.

ARRIVAL OF GUEST

Regent Darlow arrived at 3:41 pm and SACUA entered into Executive Session to discuss the role of the Regents in the presidential search.

GUEST left at 4:23 pm.

ARRIVAL OF GUESTS

The FAR (Anne Curzan) and faculty members of the ABIA arrived at 4:25 pm. Introductions were made. A. Curzan gave a brief description of her position as the Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR). She is in the process of writing a position description. She represents UM with the Big Ten and NCAA. She is the liaison between athletics and central campus. She signs off on eligibility and compliance. She meets with all teams and will sit in on the athletics' exit interviews.

She announced that the NCAA has established two postgraduate scholarships for athletes: one female and one male. The scholarship will be good for three years. The student has to be an athlete, but not necessarily a star athlete.

Members of the committee were asked when they heard about the addition of Rutgers and Maryland. Apparently the Big Ten Commissioner and the individual athletic directors made the decision. Then the university presidents voted to approve.

The faculty members are also members of the Academic Performance Committee (APC) which is a subcommittee of the ABIA made up entirely of faculty. They are responsible for oversight of student athletes who are on academic probation relative to Michigan's required GPA of 2.0. The NCAA requires a lesser GPA for eligibility to play. They also look at practice times that might be in conflict with course time. Any student misconduct, i.e. hazing, is internal to the Athletic Department. Coaches need to be partners for the student athlete's academic success.

Some ABIA members don't believe that the ABIA is advisory to the AD. The ABIA doesn't have input into the "brand" issue. The University of Michigan is the only member of the Big Ten, where the AD chairs his own advisory committee, the ABIA. There was a discussion about this point. The ABIA meetings usually involve presentations by the Athletic Department staff and there are fewer but longer meetings than before D. Brandon became the AD.

One of the ABIA members pointed out that the ABIA is not a Senate Assembly committee, where the old Board and Control committee was. It was suggested that SACUA give the ABIA a direct charge.

GUESTS left at 5:09 pm and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Carr
SACUA Office Staff

Board of Regents of the University of Michigan Bylaws *Sec. 4.01 The University Senate*

“... [t]he senate is authorized to consider any subject pertaining to the interests of the university, and to make recommendations to the Board of Regents in regard thereto. Decisions of the University Senate with respect to matters within its jurisdiction shall constitute the binding action of the university faculties. Jurisdiction over academic polices shall reside in the faculties of the various schools and colleges, but insofar as actions by the several faculties affect university policy as a whole, or schools and colleges other than the one in which they originate, they shall be brought before the University Senate.”