



MINUTES OF THE
1A FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES
BUSINESS MEETING

Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center
Grapevine, Texas

September 28, 2008

1. Opening Remarks. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Dr. Percy Bates, University of Michigan, and president of the Association.
2. Review of Minutes from the May 9-10 1A FAR Executive Committee Meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.
3. Elections.
 - a. Vice-President. Elected Ken Casavant, faculty athletics representative at Washington State University.
 - b. Secretary-Treasurer. Void of nominations, the Executive Committee was asked to seek volunteers and to appoint a secretary-treasurer.
4. Legislation Update. Carol Iwaoka, associate commissioner-governance at the Big Ten Conference, provided a review of the upcoming legislation, namely items related to academic eligibility, recruiting, playing-practice seasons, amateurism, baseball and increased travel costs. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would solicit any questions and forward these to the Academic Cabinet.
5. Subcommittee Formulation. Dr. Bates reviewed a document provided by Ted Breidenthal at Sports Association Management, Inc., that listed 10 FARs who have volunteered to serve on one of four subcommittees: research, academic reform, legislation and membership/media relations. Mr. Breidenthal agreed to continue to

solicit volunteers through e-mail and the list serve. Dr. Bates asked the Executive Committee to move this forward and to fill the positions as best it can.

6. Appointments of 1A FARs to Division I Governance Committees. Dr. Bates reviewed a document provided by Mr. Breidenthal that lists all the 1A FARs who serve on Division I governance committees. It was stressed that FARs usually are not nominated by conferences to serve on important cabinets like Championships and Recruiting. FARs were urged to make sure conference commissioners are aware of interest in serving on these committees to ensure broader distribution of 1A FARs on Division I governance committees. This certainly is the case in the next two years when conference committee positions will come up for re-election. It was agreed that the Executive Committee would draft a letter to Dr. Brand seeking more faculty inclusion on key NCAA cabinets and committees. Mr. Breidenthal also agreed to develop a master list of all FARs who serve on NCAA committees.

7. Successful APR Improvement Plans. Mr. Breidenthal asked the 1A FARs to compile academic-improvement plan success stories as they develop so that this type of resource can be added to the 1A FARs Web site.

8. Other Business.
 - a. Fantasy Football. Ms. Connie Dillon, FAR at Oklahoma, expressed concern related to the recent ruling by the 8th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals in which the court applied Missouri state law to professional fantasy leagues. This has led fantasy sports games providers to infer that offering fantasy games that include names and game statistics of college student-athletes would be consistent with the ruling. The Division I Board of Directors has discussed the fact that this court ruling may conflict with current NCAA amateurism bylaws. Ms. Dillon asked whether it would be appropriate for faculty to take a position on this issue. The Executive Committee agreed to discuss this matter during an upcoming conference call, and it agreed to develop a means to study the issue and to respond with a statement;

 - b. Summer Basketball Recruiting. Ms. Jo Potuto, FAR at Nebraska, asked the 1A FARs to consider taking a stand against allowing Division I basketball coaches to recruit during the summer. The Executive Committee was asked to discuss this issue during its upcoming conference call;

 - c. Leadership. It was the sense of the meeting that the 1A FARs need to take a creative, leadership role in crafting recommendations for legislation (e.g., listing key elements, communicating talking points, building consensus, drafting a position);

- d. 1A FAR Blog. Mr. Breidenthal and Mr. Bob Chichester, NCAA staff liaison to the 1A FARs, were asked to look into adding a Blog to the 1A FAR Web site;
 - e. Executive Committee Conference Call. Subsequent to the meeting, an Executive Committee conference call was scheduled for 3:30-4 p.m. Central time Thursday, October 23; and
 - f. Outgoing/Incoming President. Dr. Bates summoned Ms. Potuto to hand over the president baton. He ensured the assembled members that Ms. Potuto would provide great leadership in the years to come. Ms. Potuto thanked Dr. Bates and, on behalf of all members, saluted Dr. Bates with a standing ovation for his tireless efforts in building the association and leading the 1A FARs from its inception.
9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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