

MINUTES OF THE  
1A FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVES (1A FAR)  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center  
Grapevine, Texas

September 23, 2007

Participants:

Percy Bates, University of Michigan  
Ken Casavant, Washington State University  
Bill McKee, University of North Texas  
Peter Nicholson, University of Hawaii  
Jo Potuto, University of Nebraska, Lincoln  
C. Paul Rogers III, Southern Methodist University  
Julie Cromer, NCAA  
Carrie Leger, NCAA  
Kay Hawes, Sports Association Management Inc. (SAMI)  
Kathy Turpin, SAMI.

Susan Albrecht, University of Pittsburgh; Roger Caves, San Diego State University; Jack Evans, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Joe Hornsby, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; James Liberatos, Louisiana Tech University; and Jan Rintala, Northern Illinois University were unable to attend.

[Note: This committee is not an NCAA committee and as such, does not follow NCAA committee protocol. While certain items on the committee's agenda were discussed and acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference].

1. Welcome. Percy Bates welcomed all attendees. Bates announced that Kay Hawes, management consultant to the 1AFAR, is leaving SAMI for a new position with Cerner Corporation in Kansas City. On behalf of the 1A FAR, Bates recognized and shared his appreciation for all her excellent work. The executive committee applauded. Hawes introduced Kathy Turpin as the new SAMI consultant to the 1A FAR effective immediately.
2. Review of the 1A FAR year.
  - a. Highlights of the May Executive Committee Meeting. Bates discussed the FAR role in the proposed Division I governance plan. He announced that Myles Brand has assured the committee that there will be FAR representation with the new governance structure. Potuto, who serves on the Management Council, confirmed. Bates emphasized the need to work together with FARA and all FARs. Potuda offered that

the 1A FARs need to do a better job of identifying what we want to do and what is different and unique about the 1A FAR. Bates agreed and added that with the division from FARA, the 1AA and 1AAA are left out with no place to go. Cromer provided a perspective on the increased FARA activity level and noted that Alan Howser, Appalachian State University, is the new incoming President replacing Lori Clemo. Potuto added that one positive aspect of the 1A FAR group is that the NCAA has a group to go to in assigning someone to sit on NCAA Committees. Bates added that he believes when you are on an NCAA committee, you are representing all FARs and not just the 1A FARs. Bates expressed the need to find a way to work together and maintain a dialogue. More discussion continued on the possible distinctions with 1A FARs and a possible need for providing a response to the COIA Position Paper.

b. Highlights of the January 2007 meeting at the NCAA Convention.

- (1) Location of annual meeting. Bates discussed the format of the meeting and the early Sunday meeting time may not be the best for executive committee members. Many members are also still finding conflicts in attending the three meetings of the 1A FAR, Faculty Athletic Representatives Association (FARA), and NCAA National Convention.
  - (2) 1A FAR name designation. It was determined that the 1A FAR should retain the name with 1A Directors of Athletics and not "Bowl Subdivision". Cromer provided a report from the NCAA and that media was having some difficulty with it as well.
3. Discussion of the Division I Oversight and Monitoring Group/Presidential Task Force on the Future of Division I Intercollegiate Athletics. Bates reminded the committee of the direction of the task force. This will be a discussion session at FARA in Baltimore.
  4. Review of legislation. Bates indicated the need for preliminary discussions regarding the possibility of legislation for five years of eligibility. It was agreed the committee should research the topic.
  5. Election of the Incoming 1A FAR President. Hawes explained the election process that would occur during the general session. One nomination has been received for President. Other nominations would be accepted on the floor. The committee discussed the specific Bylaw that states there will be one representative from every conference on the executive committee. The question was posed when an executive committee member is also an officer, would the conference need another conference representative on the executive committee? It was voted and approved to revise the Bylaws to clarify there would be only one representative from each of the 1A Conferences on the Executive Committee. Hawes then read the descriptions for each of the officers as written in the Bylaws.

6. Other business. Cromer introduced Carrie Leger a new NCAA staff member who will be providing assistance to institutions completing the requirements for the Academic Performance Rate (APR).
  
7. Adjournment.