

1A Faculty Athletics Representatives (1A FAR)
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

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Indianapolis, Indiana

May 7-8, 2007

Participants:

Susan Albrecht, University of Pittsburgh; Percy Bates, University of Michigan; Jack Evans, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Joe Hornsby, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; Bill McKee, University of North Texas; Jo Potuto, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; Jan Rintala, Northern Illinois University; C. Paul Rogers III, Southern Methodist University; Julie Cromer, NCAA Director of Membership Services, (NCAA liaison to 1A FAR); and Kay Hawes, Sports Association Management Inc. (SAMI), (management consultant to 1A FAR).

Unable to attend:

Ken Casavant, Washington State University; Roger Caves, San Diego State University; and James Liberatos, Louisiana Tech University.

[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.** Bates welcomed the new committee member, Joe Hornsby of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

2. **FAR representation in proposed Division I governance structure.** The committee discussed the proposed Division I governance structure as outlined in the April 2007 Division I Management Council Report. Committee members Potuto and Evans, who also sit on the Management Council, provided clarification and explanation of the Management Council discussion. The committee expressed concern that the proposed structure may lend itself to a reduction in faculty representation, particularly on the Leadership Council. The committee noted that conference nomination for a limited number of positions would likely result in primarily athletics administrator and conference administrator nominees. The committee reviewed a letter Bates had sent to NCAA Vice-President David Berst expressing that concern on behalf of the 1A FAR. The committee discussed several options, noting that it was not yet clear how nominees would be selected in the proposed new structure. The committee expressed concern that faculty athletics representatives, as faculty who are

informed about athletics but not full-time athletics administrators, remain an integral part of the decision-making process in Division I. The committee agreed that FAR representation is essential in three areas: in the candidate selection process; on the Leadership Council; and on the cabinets. The committee further agreed that the FAR voice on the Leadership Council is essential.

In a related matter, the committee agreed to provide the Division I Board of Directors with an annual report regarding the state of intercollegiate athletics from the 1A FARs' perspective. It is anticipated that the 1A FARs will provide this report to the Board of Directors for its October meeting.

3. **Discussion of priorities within the Presidential Task Force on the Future of Division I Intercollegiate Athletics report.** The committee discussed several issues from the task force report. Hawes and Bates had selected several recommendations from the report for discussion via e-mail following the NCAA Convention, but they had received little in the way of comment from 1A FARs. Bates noted that he had been appointed to serve on an oversight and monitoring group relative to the task force recommendations. The committee agreed to review the prioritized recommendations from the prior report and select only a few to oppose and support. Potuto will lead that review. The committee expects additional action once the NCAA-wide review has begun.

4. **1A FAR Annual Meeting.** The committee discussed the 1A FAR Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the 1A ADs annual meeting. The next joint meeting is scheduled for September 23-25, 2007, at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas. The committee agreed to expand the FAR portion of the meeting with additional time and enhanced programming. The committee discussed numerous ideas for programming and agreed that a more FAR-focused program would boost attendance. The committee agreed that asking FARs to come in Saturday night and commence programming in mid-morning on Sunday would be a workable extension of the meeting. Monday would remain a day to engage in joint programming with ADs. Bates agreed to pursue speakers for the FAR portion of the programming. The committee agreed to establish a planning committee consisting of Bates, Hawes, Rintala and Rogers.

In a related discussion, committee members agreed to aggressively promote the 1A FAR Annual Meeting in September to conference colleagues. Hawes will assist by sending reminders to committee members as well as updates to members as meeting registrations are received by the 1A AD. Committee members agreed to call conference colleagues who do not register and encourage them to attend.

5. **FAR Mentor Program.** The committee heard a report from Hawes regarding a voluntary FAR mentoring program proposed by committee member Roger Caves, who was unable to attend the meeting. Caves had proposed establishing a pool of mentors from which a new FAR could choose to contact for advice,

encouragement, information and support. The committee agreed to support the proposed program and encouraged Caves to seek assistance from conference offices in identifying new FARs in the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision.

In a related discussion, the committee recommended that Hawes contact conference offices to exchange contact information and to obtain contact information of new faculty athletics representatives in the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision.

6. **Other business.** The committee discussed the blanket waiver of Bylaw 16.8.1.2.1. Brad Hostetter, NCAA Director of Membership Services, joined the committee to discuss the blanket waiver. Hostetter explained the blanket waiver in place for 2006-07 and noted that there would be an opportunity for comment while the proposal for 2007-08 works its way through the legislative cycle. The committee agreed to oppose the proposed legislation and recommend that ARS review these waivers on a case-by-case basis with particular attention paid to lost class time and exam schedules. (See below for a detailed explanation of the waiver itself from the Division I Management Council Administrative Review Subcommittee on the NCAA Web site.)

[NCAA Bylaw 16.8.1.2.1 (departure/return expense restrictions). April 15, 2007. During its April 15, 2007, meeting, the NCAA Division I Management Council Administrative Review Subcommittee approved a blanket waiver for the remainder of the 2006-07 academic year and the 2007-08 academic year to permit an institution's team (in any sport) to depart more than 48 hours before the start of its conference tournament/championship. The subcommittee noted a legislative exception already exists for teams participating in NCAA championship events, national governing body championships in emerging sports or licensed postseason football games [Bylaw 16.8.1.2.1.1-(d)]. A conference tournament exception permits institutions the same flexibility they currently receive for other postseason events. This time frame allows for the subcommittee to propose legislation and receive feedback from the membership. If the proposal is defeated or not supported, the subcommittee would return to reviewing requests related to departure for a conference tournament/championship on a case-by-case basis. In addition, the subcommittee noted this blanket waiver applies only to departure/expense restrictions and does not apply to return/expense restrictions (i.e., within 36 hours following the conclusion of the actual competition).]

7. **Adjournment.**