

ANNUAL REPORT  
University Athletics Advisory Committee  
1991-1992

September

A report was given on the selection of the basketball coach and faculty member involvement in this activity. Committee members also discussed the position of NCAA Representative and the upcoming legislation for the 1992 NCAA Convention.

The academic progress report of student-athletes in Summer School was presented.

October

The role of the SEC Representative was discussed and faculty secured input as to how our representative interfaces with the President regarding SEC and NCAA matters.

November

The Committee examined upcoming NCAA legislation regarding academic related items. There was discussion about the impact of some of these items as they relate to student-athletes at the University of South Carolina and students in high schools who will be affected by some of the legislative items. Input was provided from Luke Gunter (Registrar) and Dr. Char Davis (Admissions) as well as Dennis Pruitt (Student Affairs) and a member of the Athletic Department.

Information was presented regarding the Academic Center for student-athletes which is scheduled to open in January, 1992. Numerous facilities, materials and computer-assisted study stations will be in the facility. Hours of operation and use of the facility by nonstudent-athletes was discussed.

A special meeting was held on November 22, 1991 with Mr. King Dixon and Coach Steve Newton. They discussed some of the recent issues about the signing of recruits for the basketball team. Coach Newton discussed his goals for student-athletes and how these are reflected in his recruiting efforts.

January

The major discussion focused on the report from Mr. David Coryell regarding the academic performances of student-athletes during the Fall 1991 semester. Information was reported by teams and the Committee examined and discussed this data.

Mr. King Dixon reported on the legislation passed at the 1992 NCAA Convention. A summary of the information, including academic reform issues was presented and Mr. Bill Putnam reported that academic reform proposals were strongly supported at the NCAA Convention.

February

Mr. Dixon reported that for the first time the Athletics Department's budget will be examined and approved in the University in the same manner as all other budgets at the University.

The Committee continued discussion of the Knight Foundation Commission Report on Intercollegiate Athletics. Presidential control of athletics and faculty involvement in athletic concerns were discussed. It was not clear what the process and implications of this will be for the University of South Carolina.

President Palms provided information to the Committee about his views of athletics and the governance of the program on our campus. He also clarified the purpose of the Intercollegiate Activities Committee of the Board of Trustees.

#### March

The Committee met with two coaches, Mr. Woods (Football) and Mr. Raines (Baseball). They discussed issues relating to the new NCAA academic regulations for the athletes. Mr. Dixon introduced Mr. David Dideon the new Compliance Officer for Athletics. Also, Mr. Dixon explained the plans for the expansion of the football stadium and how it would be financed. He also discussed some aspects of the master plan for the Athletics Department.

Dr. Ann Bowman and Dr. Stan Fryer were nominated to serve as chairperson for the Committee in 1992-1993. Conducting an election for this position was assigned to Dr. Miller.

#### April

Mr. Roy Kramer, Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference met with the Committee and discussed issues facing athletic programs in the years ahead. He also presented information related to the distribution of revenues earned through competition in the Southeastern Conference.

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