

MEMORANDUM

1 September 1990

To: Professor John Safko, Secretary Faculty Senate

From: Professor William Brannon, Chair Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee *W. Brannon*

Subject: Report of Activities ,Academic Year 1989-1990

1. The Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee consisted of Professors William L. Brannon, School of Medicine, Jerry Odom, Department of Chemistry, Henry Price, School of Journalism, Henry Miller, School of Education, Sandra Wertz, Department of Media Arts, elected by the faculty, Sandra Robinson, School of Education appointed by President James Holderman, and the following ex-officio members; Professor William Putnam NCAA representative, Mr. Dennis Pruitt , Student Affairs Office, A.King Dixon , Athletic Director, Coach Harold White NCAA Compliance Officer. Three student members were appointed by the student government
2. Professor William Brannon served as Chairman and Dennis Pruitt Secretary of the committee. Minutes of monthly meetings ,held on the second Wednesday of each month between September and April except for January 1990, are available through Mr. Pruitt's office.
3. At the April 1990 meeting Professor Henry Price was elected to chair the committee for the year 1990-1991.
4. Professors Brannon and Robinson served as ex-officio members, with a voice but not a vote, of the USC Board of Trustees Intercollegiate Activities Committee under the Chairmanship of Trustee Louis Sossaman. Items referred by that committee to the Faculty Athletic Advisory Committee during the year included questions related to the head football coach's contract, and the distribution of athletic event tickets to the faculty by the ticket office of the Athletic Department.
5. During monthly committee meetings reports from Mr. Luke Gunter and his staff from the registrar's office were received and discussed during the October and February meeting. The Athletic Director provided a monthly report. The committee discussed the athletic department's handbook for coaches, visited the newly completed "Roost" and just prior to Hugo visited the "Bubble".
6. Coaches of non-revenue sports were invited to make presentations to the committee for information and discussion. Coaches from Baseball, Women's Basketball, Swimming, Cross Country, Soccer, Golf and Men's and Women's Tennis visited and discussed their sports with the committee.
7. Other business for the year included discussions regarding the composition of the committee, and whether or not ex-officio members should have a vote. No final decision was reached and that issue will carry over to the 1990-91 committee for further discussion.
8. The committee was particularly grateful for the cooperation, interest and participation demonstrated by King Dixon, Athletic Director. The committee commends Mr. Dixon's commitment to the academic needs of student athletes as the first priority . The committee noted with pleasure that more

than one Third of all athletes earned a GPR of 3.0 or better, and that the number of academic all-Americans among the student athletes continues to increase.