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University Athletics Committee
Annual Report
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This was a year of work for the Athletics Committee. We spent most of the year working on the Interim Report for Athletics Certification for the NCAA. I want to express my appreciation to all who participated in this effort.

University Athletics Committee Meetings—

September 7, 1999—This was a meeting of the “old” committee. The new appointments had not been made, so the chair “extended the life of the old committee” in order to take care of some urgent business. We met the new Athletics Director, Dr. C. Wood Selig. Dr. Selig reported that he was very impressed with all the people that he had met in the Athletics Department. Dr. White discussed the upcoming Interim Report and also reported on the Awards Banquet where 134 student-athletes had a 3.0 GPA or better. Schedules were approved for Men’s and Women’s Cross Country, Men’s and Women’s Golf, Women’s Softball, Men’s and Women’s Tennis, Men’s and Women’s Basketball.

October 5, 1999—This was actually the first meeting of the new committee. Dr. White introduced new student members, Leslie McClard and Thomas Grinter and new faculty members, Dr. Kathryn Abbott from the Department of History and Potter College and Mr. Quentin Hollis from the Community College. This is the first meeting for the new makeup of the committee as described in the Guidelines for the University Athletics Committee with six faculty members, four student members and members from the administrative areas. The men’s and women’s swimming schedules were approved. Dr. White appointed the steering committee for the Interim Report with Dr. White, Dr. Selig, Ms. Herriford, Ms. Wilkins and Fred Hensley along with sub-committee chairs, Dr. Abbott, Ms. Foster, Mr. Hollis and Dr. Humphrey. The six-month window for the report is November to May, 2000.

November 2, 1999—Welcomed new student member, Amy Caswell, President of Hillraisers. Ms. Herriford announced that the women’s cross country team won the Sun Belt Conference championship and the men came in second. Curtiss Long was named women’s coach of the year for cross country. Dr. Selig reported that the Board of Regents approved \$350,000 to finish the track. Also he discussed Sun Belt Conference expansion. Middle Tennessee State, North Texas and New Mexico State are joining the conference in all sports and Louisiana Tech will be leaving the conference in 2001. That brings the total membership to 11 schools. Dr. Selig also address initial discussion of the possibility of a new area or refurbishing Diddle Arena. Feasibility studies will be done in late spring or early summer. Ms. Eggleton was added to the Steering Committee for the Interim Report. Subcommittee chairs were officially added to the Steering Committee.

February 8, 2000—Mr. Sowell brought up the issue of some dissatisfaction with the schedule for men’s basketball. Next year, the games will be primarily scheduled for

Thursday and Saturday nights. Ms. Herriford announced that the men's and women's swimming teams were undefeated for the year. This was the second consecutive undefeated season for the men's team. Coach Bill Powell is the third all-time winningest swimming coach. Approved schedules for women's and men's Golf, women's tennis and men's and women's outdoor track and field.

April 6, 2000—This meeting was called to discuss and make recommendations to the president the report of the NCAA Division I Basketball Working Committee. That was the sole business of the meeting

Other Items related to the Faculty Athletics Representative—

Met monthly with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. The SAAC is an NCAA-mandated committee composed of members from the various teams and other student groups, such as cheerleaders, dance team and trainers. The purpose of the SAAC is to give the students a venue to discuss and recommend action for issues related to student-athlete welfare and safety.

FAR attended the Fall Sun Belt Conference meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi. FAR is a member of the committee that is rewriting the Constitution and Bylaws of the SBC. Met with that committee and with other FAR's.

FAR attended the National Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA) in New Orleans. I have been on the Constitution and Bylaws committee of FARA for three years. This is an opportunity to network and discuss issues related to student welfare and safety with others from all over the country at different levels in the NCAA.

March, 2000. Attended the Sun Belt Conference Men's Basketball tournament in Little Rock. This was a great opportunity to see the whole conference together and to overdose on basketball games. Great collegial atmosphere and time to get to know others in the conference. Also attended the SBC Women's Basketball tournament, since it was in Bowling Green. Same kind of collegiality displayed at the women's tournament.

This year was consumed with the Interim Report on Athletics required by the Committee on Athletics Certification of the NCAA. I wish I knew the total man-hours that we worked on this report. My thanks go out to all who participated, particularly to Pam Herriford who worked very closely with me in pulling together the subcommittee reports and in providing supplemental information to the NCAA committee while I was on a working trip to Mexico in May.