Minutes of Meeting
November 14, 2003

Present: J. Riley (Chair), E. Sinclair, S. Hame, D. Morrison (Ex-officio), K. Garey (Graduate Student representative), R. Ungar (Undergraduate Student representative)

Absence: A. Cracchiolo

Staff: M. Avila, D. Dang

Guests: Tom Lifka (Chair of the Special Admission Committee)

Meeting: The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm

1. WELCOME
Chair welcomed new and returning members to the 2003-04 academic year of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee.

2. DISCUSSION OF DATA ON MAJOR AND ACADEMIC PROGRESS
Committee members analyzed data on athletes’ grades and choice of major. The report indicated that there is a high concentration of student athletes in history, sociology and political science. The committee wondered whether this trend is an indication that those are popular majors among athletes or that those are the only majors student athletes can compete in. If the latter is true, UCLA needs to seriously re-evaluate its student athlete admission policy and procedure.

The data also showed that first-year athletes on the football team had UCLA GPA’s below 2.0. The Committee is concerned that overall it is getting tougher for student-athletes, especially those in the TV sports, to succeed and graduate given the rising academic requirements at UCLA and the new NCAA eligibility rules.

3. CONSULTATION WITH TOM LIFKA, CHAIR OF SPECIAL ADMISSION COMMITTEE
Chair welcomed T. Lifka and provided a general description of IAC’s duties. T. Lifka reported that the Committee for Admission of Student Athletes consists of two administrators and three faculty members. They review all freshman and transfer athlete cases and make admission decisions based on student athlete’s previous academic preparation and performance. The following data was also presented and discussed:

- The graduation rate of UCLA general student population is 85% while student athlete’s graduation rate is 70%. Although UCLA athlete’s graduation rate is 15 percentage points lower than UCLA general student’s graduation rate, UCLA athletes are 28 percentage points above the national athlete’s graduation rate of 52%.
- Most athletes having academic problems are on the football, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, or track team.
• NCAA has increased its requirements for athletic eligibility.
• UC has decided not to admit athletes that are NCAA partial qualifier while PAC-10 still allows admission of NCAA partial qualifiers.

It appears that the UCLA coaches have a difficult task of recruiting athletes that will have a reasonable chance to succeed and graduate. A possible solution to this challenge might be for the coaches to expand their recruiting efforts to a national level and to include more red shirting athletes in their search.

**Action:** Chair Riley will write to Director Dan Guerrero expressing the committee's concerns and will request a meeting to discuss possible solutions to these challenges.

4. **MAKE-UP OF FUTURE IAC**

Given that most athletes are history, sociology and political science majors–there was wide consensus that the first IAC vacancy should be filled by a senate member from history, and the second vacancy filled by a senate member from sociology.

5. **ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS**

In preparation of a possible meeting with the new head coaches of Football and Basketball, the members considered asking the following questions:

• Do the coaches foresee a change in their recruiting strategy?
• Will the Athletics Department provide monetary support to expand the recruiting process to a national level?
  - If yes, will the coaches expand the search nationwide?
• How do the coaches feel about their rivals being allowed to recruit NCAA partial qualifiers, when they cannot?
• Find out what the coaches recruiting philosophy is?

6. **SCHEDULING FUTURE MEETINGS**

Betsy Stephenson, the Associate Athletic Director is IAC’s liaison to the Athletic Department. She will invite Coach Karl Dorrell to IAC’s winter meeting. The Committee will request that Coach Dorrell bring general data on the football team and freshman athletes.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.