

**BFA Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
2001-2002 Report**

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The BFA Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics committee met on the last monday of each month throughout the 2001/2002 academic year. The committee also met in executive session (without the *ex officio* members) on most of the preceding mondays to plan and set up for the full meetings. The membership roll is listed below:

Regular Members: Karen Bever (A& S), Scott Adler (Poly. Sci.), Susan Anthes (Libraries), Daniel Connors (Elect. Engr.), Mel Branch (Mech. Engr.), Peter Ramig (SLHS), Merici Vinton (UCSU), Mike Preston (English; chair), Rita Weiss (Emerita), Scott Zakon (UGGS),

Ex officio members: Phil Distefano (faculty athletic rep to the Big 12 conference), Dick Tharp (AD), Mark Nelson (director, academic support), Karen Morrison (director, compliance), Bob Chichester (Olympic sports),

Resource members: Liz Bradley (Computer Sci.; acting chair), Ted Snow (Astrophys.), Dick Sweetman (SLHS).

Phil DiStefano has been a real resource to this group, and we deeply appreciate his efforts and his concern.

The acting chair of this committee was also a member of several other athletics-related committees, including the NCAA Certification Committee, chaired by Ron Stump, which reviews the department's progress towards certification, and the NCAA Compliance Committee, chaired by Phil DiStefano, which reviews events and issues having to do with recruiting violations and the like. She also made a presentation at the Chairs Breakfast, attended the biannual Regents athletics subcommittee meetings, dealt with innumerable phone calls, email messages, and meetings with athletics staff, faculty, reporters, and administrators, and wrote a variety of resolutions and motions and reports for various bodies.

Meeting-by-meeting details are below. Formal agendas, along with membership information and links to a variety of other useful material, are available on this webpage:

www.cs.colorado.edu/~lizb/bfa.html

Some of these materials are confidential, so the corresponding links are password-protected. Acronyms: OASS is the athletics department's academic support organization, which is run by Mark Nelson. SAAC is the student-athlete advisory committee, which has one rep from every team. FAR is faculty athletic rep (Phil). WBB is women's basketball; SA is student-athlete.

- AUGUST 27 (*executive session*)
 - academic/athletics lunch – initiate planning
 - gathering of agenda items from committee members
 - discussion of how to handle academic ineligibility issues
- SEPTEMBER 24: (Stump attends)
 - NCAA interim certification report [Karen Morrison]
 - OASS baseline report [Mark Nelson]
 - academic/athletics lunch – date choice

- OCTOBER 22: (*executive session; diStefano attends*)
 - chair’s report on Tharp’s visit to BFA
 - general discussion of faculty, athletics concerns: report to FAR
- OCTOBER 29: (Tharp attends)
 - invitation lists for academic/athletics lunch (how not to preach to choir)
 - BFA resolution and response
 - the Big 12’s six-hour rule
 - grades and grad rates:
 - * briefing on background information [Bob Chichester]
 - * plan student-athlete input
- NOVEMBER 26: (Tharp supposed to attend, but did not)
 - concoct question lists for academic/athletics lunch to give to BFA excomm
 - grades and grad rates – discussion, round I
- DECEMBER 3: (*executive session*)
 - issues about increase in scheduled number of games — e.g., injury, interference with academics. (Was 10; now 15.)
 - academic/athletics lunch planning – finalize
 - * seed questions
 - * how to couple back and use the resulting info
 - * student-athletes to invite...omit SAAC??
- DECEMBER 10:
 - briefing on mentor programs [Jeannie Dixon]
 - Title IX – discussion, round I
- JANUARY 14: (*executive session*)
 - concerns from ethnic studies faculty [Evelyn Hu-deHart]
 - associated discussion: reviving the policy statement, informing all the faculty, and using that to encourage athletics to comply
 - chair’s Fiesta Bowl report
 - last-minute lunch logistics
 - the Flores case
 - the rape case and recruiting visit policies
- JANUARY 28: (Tharp attends)
 - WBB adopter idea
 - 15 min budget status report [Dick Tharp]
 - OASS interim report [Mark Nelson]
 - communication:
 - * how can we get the SAs and the faculty talking to each other??
 - * how can we get the SAs and the COACHES talking to each other??
- JANUARY 29: lunch

- questions seeded at tables by comm members
- FEBRUARY 18: (*executive session; diStefano attends*)
 - lunch debriefing
 - OASS reporting structure shift: issues and implications (NB: OASS now reports to Barb Schneider and Mike Grant, not Tharp. Phil’s doing. First in Big 12 to do this.)
 - communication and enforcement of policies: e.g., absence letters and pressure on profs.
 - decided to have two non-voting SA members on committee: one revenue, one non; one male, one female.
- FEBRUARY 25:
 - grades & grad rates – discussion, round II (sport-by-sport, among others)
 - major and class choice issues – discussion, round I
- MARCH 11: (*executive session; diStefano and Stump attend*)
 - the chancellor’s NCAA certification committee:
 - * what it is,
 - * what it did last year,
 - * what it expects to do this year and in the future, and
 - * how this committee can contribute to the process.
 - a recruiting “book,” per Scott Adler’s discussion with Ceal Barry
- MARCH 18:
 - **cancelled**
- APRIL 22: (*executive session; diStefano attends*)
 - chair’s report on regents meeting
 - NCAA certification committee report/discussion
 - NCAA compliance committee report/discussion
 - how to get on coach/OASS hiring committees?
 - the rape case and the general issue of recruiting policies
 - discuss membership for next year
- APRIL 29: (Regent 302)
 - WBB adopter idea and honorary coach idea: extend to whole pgm?
 - final draft budget report [Dick Tharp]
 - OASS final report/discussion [Mark Nelson]