

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics  
Report to Council, December 7, 2006

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics met on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006 at 4:00 pm in the Rankin Smith Student-Athlete Academic Building. Committee members present were Malcolm Adams (chair), Bill Barstow, Tony Capomacchia, Rahmel Fuller, Denise Mewborn, Dean Rojek, Tyler Stevens (for Claudia Shamp), and David Shipley. Visitors were: Frank Crumley, Glada Horvat and Ted White of the Athletic Association, and Rebecca Quigley of the Athens Banner Herald.

The first item on the agenda was a report from Rahmel Fuller on the Student Government Association's position on football ticket distribution. The SGA conducted a survey of students to study preferences for how student football tickets could be distributed in an equitable manner. The SGA report proposes that tickets be distributed in a staggered manner according to how many credit hours students have received. The committee discussed some issues about how this proposal might be implemented. For example, questions arose about how this would work for graduate and professional students. The committee was receptive to supporting a staggered distribution but one committee member pointed out that this proposal does not address the original issue of students skipping classes to pick up football tickets. It was argued that by spreading out the pickup times, crowd size would be lessened and therefore the process would be more orderly and take less size. A discussion ensued about the feasibility of having the ticket pickup on weekends. Frank Crumley said that this would not be a problem for the Athletic Association. It was decided that the chair (Malcolm Adams) would meet with Mr. Crumley and others in the Athletic Association to pursue the feasibility of having a staggered distribution during the weekend.

The committee then turned to a request from the Committee on Statutes, Bylaws and Committees to review the description of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics which appears in the Bylaws. A few typographical corrections were noted but a unanimous vote supported the present document with those few minor changes.

Glada Horvat then presented a report (attached) on reasons for non-graduation of presidential admit student-athletes matriculating in 1999 and 2000. Of the 119 presidential admit student-athletes from Fall 1999 and Fall 2000, 56 graduated within 6 years. Three more have graduated since the end of the six year term. Of the 69 remaining, 29 transferred from UGA in good academic standing, 10 became professional athletes (3 of which are currently enrolled at UGA) and 21 left with some academic issues. It was noted that there were multiple coaching changes during this period so the number of students transferring might be unusually high. It was also noted that less than 20% of these students, which were admitted with very questionable academic credentials, left with academic problems.

Finally the committee had a brief discussion of whether the committee should pursue studies of clustering in majors or core courses by student-athletes. It was decided that the chair (Malcolm Adams) would continue to work with Ted Knight to come up with data on majors and core courses for student-athletes.

The committee adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Malcolm Adams, Chair