

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF REGENTS' COMMITTEE ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS MEETING**

**APRIL 6, 2016**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Jeffrey Portnoy, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Information Technology Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room 105A/B, 2420 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822.

Committee members in attendance: Committee Chair Jeffrey Portnoy; Committee Vice Chair Simeon Acoba; Regent Barry Mizuno; Regent Michelle Tagorda; Regent Stanford Yuen.

Others in attendance: Board Chair Randy Moore; Board Vice Chair Jan Sullivan; Regent Wayne Higaki; Regent David Iha; Regent Michael McEnerney; Regent Lee Putnam; Regent Ernie Wilson, Jr. (ex officio committee members); President David Lassner; Vice President for Legal Affairs and University General Counsel Carrie Okinaga; Vice President for Research & Innovation Vassilis Syrmos; Interim UH-Mānoa (UHM) Chancellor Robert Bley-Vroman; UH-Hilo (UHH) Chancellor Donald Straney; Executive Administrator and Secretary to the Board Cynthia Quinn; and others as noted.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2016 MEETING**

Regent Acoba moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting, seconded by Regent Mizuno, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board Cynthia Quinn announced that the Board Office received no written testimony and no individuals signed up to provide oral testimony.

#### **IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **1. For Information**

##### **1. Title IX Report**

##### **a) University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM)**

Athletic Director Dave Matlin and his staff provided a slide presentation on updates of compliance efforts regarding Title IX and VAWA requirements for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa campus. Administration explained how statistics are gathered and shared with administration regarding participation and scholarships, and also provided annually in the

NCAA Financial Disclosure Report and Equity in Athletics Disclosure Report, although private information regarding salaries are redacted as required by the union contract. Administration noted how the NCAA does not audit Title IX in athletics, but a gender equity study is required as part of the annual certification process, to ensure an improvement plan is in place to address any discrepancies.

Administration reported how 47-48% recruiting dollars available for women's programs is in compliance. Current data was also shared about how the lower number of local athletes are a function of being an island state with a limited number of recruits eligible for Division I level of play in a limited number sports, and balancing priorities between access and competition with other schools rather than related to any Title IX or gender equity issue. Likewise, it was reported how the salary levels are also a function of market and competition for certain sports (eg. women's basketball) than related to any Title IX or gender equity issue. Administration confirmed that, to date, compliance is being met, noting recent locker room improvements, the softball field remaining a priority and in the design phase while efforts to secure potential funding sources for construction and facilities are underway. Administration reported about how all athletes undergo mandatory online sexual assault prevention training that the wider student body can also opt to take, the broadening of Title IX training and education beyond athletics guided by the US Department of Education and the many system level programs and additional support by recent legislative funding for an Office of Institutional Equity to help bring campuses in compliance in non-athletics areas.

The committee commended the work of both athletic departments and urged further support by the campuses and system.

Regent Higaki, ex-officio committee member left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

#### **b) University of Hawai'i at Hilo**

Athletic Director Patrick Guillen provided a slide presentation on how UHH is in full compliance with Title IX requirements. He explained how the goal of UHH is to maintain an athletics program in which benefits, resources, opportunities, and participation for all student-athletes are equal or comply with the spirit of Title IX. He highlighted progress on UHH five-year plan that expires at the end of this academic year, and how the Athletic Advisory Board (AAB) will convene later this year to work on a three-year plan moving forward, with annual compliance monitoring on an annual basis through other NCAA required reports. He noted several educational session held the past year included panel presentations and films.

Questions and comments were raised regarding scope of Title IX compliance analysis. Administration explained that Title IX compliance applies to each campus, the Office of Gender Equity supports each campus-based initiative, each campus is required to have a Title IX coordinator, and UHM and UHH each have athletic departments with independent programs to deal with athletic-specific aspects of Title IX.

## **2. Update on Progress of H-Zone Management**

Joel Matsunaga, special assistant to AD Matlin, recounted the status of the H-Zone retail business at its three locations and online store. He reported only the Ward location continues to underperform financially and operationally although improvements have been underway with frequent monitoring and assessments, and all audit issues have been addressed. He reported how increase in revenue is anticipated from the holiday seasons and winning seasons for some teams, but also noted that merchandising contracts at other sites, such as aloha stadium and NCAA licensing restriction hinder opportunities to increase revenue opportunities. Further assessment on the Ward location is ongoing to determine its viability to operate on a breakeven basis, noting that its lease expires in 2017.

Committee Chair Portnoy announced that Men's Basketball Coach Eran Ganot was named the winner of the 2016 Joe B. Hall Award, presented annually to the top first-year coach in Division I by CollegenInsider.com, and the Red Auerbach College Coach of the Year Award as selected by members of the Jewish Coaches Association. Coach Ganot was also a finalist for the CollegenInsider.com's Jim Phelan Award (nation's top Division I coach), and the Hugh Durham Award (nation's top mid-major coach). AD Matlin added that the UHM was No. 6 on the Top 25 Men's Mid-Major Basketball programs.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Regent Yuen moved to adjourn, and Regent Mizuno seconded the motion, and with unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Cynthia Quinn  
Executive Administrator and  
Secretary of the Board of Regents