Meeting Report
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I
BOARD OF REGENTS’ COMMITTEE ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
   Information Technology Building
   1st Floor Conference Room 105A/B
   2520 Correa Road
   Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96822

The committee discussed the overall purpose of the committee, reviewed 4 areas of
focus in the bylaws, and considered goals and objectives. There is a deep dive report in
November and another on health and safety in January. The reports and deep dives will
help better inform the committee in conducting its oversight. The committee agreed that
it has the duty to serve as a liaison between the Board and the respective campuses
and their athletic departments,

Regarding advising the Board on its responsibility to oversee the academic progress of
student-athletes, and reviewing annual reports on the academic standing, including, but
not limited to, the Academic Progress Rate report, the committee concurred that its
primary role is to focus on review of metrics and performance once a year, usually in
November for the prior year. The committee discussed the addition of a report on
athletes who participate in advance programs to promote education as role models,
performance data by sport; and a higher focus on graduation success and failure rate.

Regarding advising the Board on its responsibility to oversee the fiscal integrity and
budgetary concerns; the committee agreed the focus is to review, comment, critique
and support, and the Chancellor’s responsibility is to balance the budget. Discussions
related to financial solvency concerns, and the need to incorporate in policymaking the
true value of athletics that includes intangible values of community pride, access to
education through scholarships, economic impact to the state, branding Hawai‘i.
Strategies discussed included providing a better metric that compares the programs to
performance of peers in the same conferences, increasing publicity, better
measurement and management of expectations of constituents (public, business,
legislature), potential revenue streams, trends overtime and how the board can help
improve efforts.

Regarding advising the board on its responsibility to oversee the health, safety of
student-athletes, the committee agreed Administration provide a new report regarding
risk assessments in areas such as athlete health, concussion protocols, and safety, that
will include leading practices that high performing institutions follow, and
recommendations on reviewing and monitoring and metrics.
Regarding advising the board on its responsibility to oversee compliance with NCAA and conference requirements, the committee chair noted that for the purposes of briefing the new members, that there may be potential action when appropriate regarding an NCAA matter and litigation that may come before the committee this year.

Regarding recommending policies governing all aspects of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University, the committee concurred to periodically review and recommend changes to the policies and bylaws as needed and to consider matters referred by the board and brought by administration. Committee and ex-officio members and administration are encouraged to email the board secretary with any agenda topics for consideration.

Regarding advising the board on its responsibility to oversee the handling of any event or situation that may draw unusual public interest to the athletics program, a particular team, student athlete, or department employee, the committee agreed that the primary focus is policy making and oversight to ensure plans and protocols are in place to address issues as they arise. The issues can be brought to the committee for feedback.