Situation Report on Athletics
April 2004

Preface

Beginning in September, 2003 the Athletics Review Committee was formed with core membership from the Faculty Committee on Student Life, and additional members including student athletes (4), additional interested faculty members(2), coaches(2), and Tina Hill, Athletic Director. The committee received its charge from Dean Moore.

The committee began collecting and analyzing information related to athletics at Cornell. In short, we were asked to review the decision to move from the Midwest Conference to the Iowa Conference and to conduct a more general review of athletics as a follow-up to the 1995 review summarized in the Jordan Report.

We collected data and met roughly biweekly. Thanks in our data gathering work, especially to Tina Hill, but also to Susan Minger, Institutional Research and Ann Opatz, Academic Affairs. Our meetings often focused on special topics, for example:

- Athletics information (multiple meetings including staffing, conference and NCAA Division III information, sports participation, academic and other statistics)
- Admissions and recruitment
- Budget (including facilities spending and operating budget)
- Campus climate (multiple sessions, including Reclaiming the Game discussions)
- Fitness and recreation (Intramurals, Hilltop Fitness, recreation and fitness opportunities)
- Facilities planning

We also conducted discussions with selected groups:
- Coaches
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee
- Students at a Student Open Forum
- Faculty at a Faculty Forum

The culmination of that work is this requested situation report on athletics. It is a consensus document of the committee; any committee members who wish to offer additional or divergent opinions will provide those opinions in the area designated as part of our project documentation.

Athletics Information Resource

We encourage everyone interested in Cornell athletics to review materials we have collected, analyzed, and discussed. They are available to the campus community in a network folder S:\Committees\Student_Life\Athletics Review. The documents are some 50 in number. To make retrieval easier, Appendix 1 of this report lists these documents as they are grouped.
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Athletics Review Documents list

Documents
2. Athletics Review Report 2004*
3. Athletics Review Documents list*

Folders (Documents indented)
MWC – IIAC Conference Documents
1. Historical documents (1995-1997) relating to the move to the Iowa Conference including Departmental recommendation, Faculty meeting minutes, Student Life Committee recommendation, and Administrative correspondence.
2. MWC vs IIAC travel time/distance*
3. MWC vs IIAC school US News ranking*
4. Cornell’s finish in IIAC sports 2002-2003*
5. Contest Limits*

Athletics Budget Information
1. Athletics vs Academic Affairs budget trends*
2. Athletic Budget information (Academic Affairs budget info, ten year line by line operating budget*, 20 year capital spending in Athletics, NCAA comparative budget information*)
3. MWC & IIAC expenses per student-athlete*

Athletics and Athletics Department Information
1. Physical Education and Athletics Staffing*
2. Athletics “Know Your Neighbor” information
3. 2003-2004 Athletics Cornellian articles (5)
4. NCAA Division III profile Executive Summary PowerPoint

Athletics Facilities
1. Notes from Athletics Facilities Planning 2001-2003
2. Links to MWC and IIAC College Athletic Facilities information*

Campus Climate & Student Athlete Profiles
1. Student-athlete to non-athlete Admissions profile 2000-2003,* Also contains historical student residency information
2. Student-athlete to non-athlete comparison 2002-2003 (from Institutional Research)
3. Reclaiming the Game talking points e-mail
4. Summary Student Survey information from Institutional Research*
5. Summary section from Reclaiming the Game

Coaches Comments
1. Notes from 2/4 meeting*
2. Coach’s Submissions*
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Student comments
   1. Student Athletes Advisory Committee review session (minutes and TdeL notes)*
   2. Student Open Forum notes*
   3. Student Senate Student Life committee comments*

Faculty Forum
   1. Athletics Review summary for Faculty Forum*
   2. Minutes of Faculty Forum*
   3. PowerPoint slides, budget spreadsheet, other documents*

Hilltop Fitness & IMs
   1. Hilltop Fitness membership information (3 documents)
   2. IM Participation stats 1997-2003 (incomplete) (See also IM web site)

Athletics Review Committee documents
   1. Committee charge 9-1-03*
   2. Student Life Committee minutes 9-18-03*
   3. Athletics Subcommittee members additional comments*

*produced for this review