

Athletic fund plan sent to State Board

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The future of intercollegiate athletics was considered Tuesday, as the Oregon State Board of Higher Education Intercollegiate Athletics Committee moved to recommend a three-point program to the State Board of Higher Education for funding intercollegiate athletics.

The program would require the board to ask the State Legislature to appropriate \$10 for every three-term, full-time equivalent student at state system colleges and Universities.

One recommendation directs the board to prepare regulations establishing an athletic activities fee, separate from the incidental fee, and for the support of non-revenue-producing intercollegiate athletics. Another would provide directives to assure that budgeting for in-

tercollegiate athletics is legal, fiscally responsible and is responsive both to public and student interest.

Also included in the proposal to go before the full board in January is that assurance is provided so that the proportion of athletic funding that students provide will not be increased unless approved by the board.

The committee also asked the board's staff to study the problem of equalization for smaller schools such as Southern Oregon State College and Eastern Oregon State College.

The action followed nearly three hours of public testimony from officials and representatives of various state schools and their student governments.

Jan Oliver, ASUO president, said she would like to see more emphasis on intramural sports, where students participate rather than spectate.

Many of the University officials agreed that intercollegiate athletics were at a critical stage.

"We need help if we are to remain in the athletic picture," said Ray Hawk, University vice-president for administration and finance. He said that rather than continue in a crippled state, he would prefer to see formal intercollegiate competition abandoned.

Robert MacVicar, Oregon State University president, commented that the cost of operating these programs has outstripped the ability of the institutions to fund them.

He also said many people have asked why the major schools, Oregon and Oregon State, don't drop to a lower level of competition. He said that, in fact, it would not be cheaper to participate in the Big Sky conference instead of the Pacific Eight and would require more, not less, state subsidy.

"I think the people of Oregon need to decide, not a handful of university administrators, whether Oregon's schools should continue in the Pac-8," MacVicar testified.

Oregon's athletic director, John Caine, spoke in favor of the proposal, calling it "logical" and "businesslike." He said the plan offers some sort of first move in the direction of a stable funding base.

Under the proposed \$10 appropriation, the University of Oregon would receive approximately \$300,000 the following biennium for non-revenue producing sports.

Revenue-producing athletic events are defined as those which are fully self-supporting from gate receipts, television and radio income, conference income and contribution.

Pac-8 proposal restricts 'full-ride' athletic grants

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A proposal restricting "full-ride" athletic grants-in-aid will be presented to the NCAA in January by the Pacific Eight Conference, says Pac-8 Pres. Wendell Basye.

Basye, who teaches law at the University, says the proposal would award student athletes financial aid for living expenses and books on the basis of need only, while still permitting tuition and mandatory fees to be paid in full, regardless of need.

Currently, student athletes receive grants-in-aid according to ability only, Basye explains, adding that the only major restriction on them is the number allowed for each sport.

Under the Pac-8 proposal, need would be determined following the same criteria used for academic grants, Basye says. The proposal states that the expected total contribution from the athlete's family, plus contributions from the athlete, will be computed by an approved outside service, such as the College Scholarship Service of the College Entrance Examination Board. The grant will make up

the difference and revisions will be made as often as necessary.

University Pres. William Boyd estimates \$100,000 could be saved annually by the University athletic department with NCAA approval of the proposal.

Basye says the purpose of the legislation is not strictly financial. "We are attempting to go in a direction where student athletes are judged by the same criteria as other students in applying for financial aid."

Basye claims that if it wasn't for the private schools, which have higher tuition and fees, he would have gone for a 'full-need' proposal, which would have included tuition and mandatory fees.

Basye gives passage of some form of "need" legislation a "better-than-half chance." Duke University and the North Central Conference are presenting similar proposals, he says.

A close vote last year on a similar proposal by Stanford has created some optimism for this year's offerings, according to Boyd, since the full Pac-8 is sponsoring the proposal this year.

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