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**ATHLETIC COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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The Faculty Senate Athletic Committee was charged with reviewing the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) steering committee's endorsed recommendations of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics independently. We have made our recommendations on each of the items listed below:

COIA steering committee recommendations on financial accountability:

- 1) make NCAA financial reports public - **Affirm**
- 2) publish additional information about long-term debt and capital spending in athletics - **Affirm**
- 3) report annually on growth rates in academic and athletic spending - **Affirm**

COIA steering committee recommendations on academic rewards:

- 1) strengthen the standards for postseason eligibility by requiring teams to be on track to graduate at least 50 percent of their players in order to be eligible for postseason competition - **Affirm**
- 2) incorporate an academic component in the revenue distribution formulas for football and basketball postseason revenues - **Not Affirm**

RATIONALE:

The Committee discussed each of the above items in detail with the faculty athletic representative and the athletic director. All parties agreed that transparency in the financial reporting is worthwhile. This information is currently available through the freedom of information act.

The recommendations on academic rewards generated more diverse discussions. The detailed information related to the graduation rate states that an APR score of 925 would be required for post season eligibility for football. The athletic department indicated that there are current penalties already in place if the APR score is below 925. The second recommendation would take half of the funds distributed to participating schools in the NCAA basketball tournament and redistribute it to all schools based on some academic basis. This basis was not clearly defined. However, this would reduce the percentage of revenues given to participating schools from forty percent to twenty percent. Currently sixty percent of the revenues are redistributed to all schools and the committee and athletic department believed that any further reduction would not be fair to the schools that are participating in the tournament.

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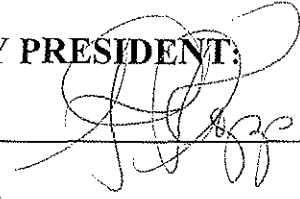
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