

# **Commission on Athletics**

## **GENDER EQUITY COMMITTEE**

**- MINUTES OF THE MEETING -**

**February 13, 2003**

*Via Videoconference*

### **A. WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 pm by Associate Commissioner Stu Van Horn on behalf of chairperson Dianne Van Hook. Committee members joined the videoconference from the COA Office, North Orange County CCD, College of the Canyons, Reedley, Cabrillo, Palomar, and Butte colleges.

Those in attendance were: Fran Babich, Catherine Bowyer, Dean Crowley, Fran Cummings, Wanda Wong, Joanne Fortunato, and Stu Van Horn. Guests included Len Mohney and Ellen O'Connor.

### **B. STATUS OF 'TRAIN THE TRAINERS' WORKSHOPS AND STATE ORGANIZATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

The Committee agreed to postpone the workshops until an update from the national commission reviewing Title IX is obtained. Budget constraints are also acknowledged. The committee was encouraged to continue efforts to find external funds or sponsorship to assist with this workshop.

### **C. STATUS OF MAY 30, 2003 APPEARANCE BY MIKE MESSNER**

The Committee agreed to postpone the invitation to Mike Messner until such time as budgets permit.

### **D. GENDER EQUITY NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

A draft of the Committee's first newsletter was included in the agenda packet for this meeting. The Committee approved the draft and discussion followed as to the best way to disseminate future newsletters. While it was agreed that electronic distribution would be the most economical, hard copies should be mailed to the college presidents. It was also suggested that the newsletter be posted on the COA website. Associate Commissioner Van Horn also noted that Chair Van Hook had emailed to members a draft outline of the second newsletter which is scheduled for distribution the end of February. Comments and suggestions are requested once all have had the opportunity to review the draft.

Committee members were encouraged to stress to their conferences the importance of compliance with Title IX even in the midst of budget cuts.

Key topics for the COA Board CEO breakout session at the COA Annual Convention were discussed at the request of chairperson Van Hook. Associate Commissioner Van Horn was directed to send an email to the chair articulating the committee recommendations for the CEO session to focus on full-time coaches retreating to the classroom, how to regain those coaching positions, what coaching entails, and budget cuts.

**E. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF 'BY CONFERENCE' SPORT PARTICIPATION CHART**

It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the 2001-02 Comparison for Title IX Men's & Women's Sport Participation By Conference Of Origin chart as amended to reflect hosting, and to post the chart on the COA website. It was suggested that two statements be included with the chart posting on the COA website: 1) a statement pointing out that the results of this study clearly show a continued imbalance of men and women in sports, and 2) a note congratulating the sports that do have equal participation of men and women.

**F. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF 'FIVE YEAR' SPORT PARTICIPATION CHART**

The Committee discussed the necessity of continuing to maintain this information and it was agreed that the data would be collected for the past year (2001-02 academic year) and kept on file at the COA state office and posted to the COA website.

**G. CHAPTER THREE OF COA GE SELF-REVIEW MANUAL PRODUCTION TIMELINES**

Associate Commissioner Van Horn commended the Committee for its work on the first two chapters of the manual and reminded the committee that Chapter Three of the manual will be revised once the national commission report is reviewed by the committee later this spring.

**H. REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 2, 2003 GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY**

Associate Commissioner Van Horn reported that the Girls and Women in Sports Day events at the Capitol Building were a success and the Assembly voted on a Resolution designating February 3 as Girls and Women in Sports Week. State Commissioner Fortunato attended the celebration and noted that many men were in attendance in support of Title IX because they have daughters and other female family members involved in sports and wanted the same opportunities for them.

**I. EMAIL DISTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH MATERIALS REGARDING TITLE IX COMMISSION**

Pertinent information received at the COA is provided to committee members as it becomes available and members were requested to send to the COA any relevant resource and referral materials.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**K. Other**

None.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Gender Equity Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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