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MEMORANDUM

TO: Priority Registration Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Alice Poehls, University Registrar

SUBJECT: Fall 2009 PRAC Meeting Notes for February 13

DATE: February 14, 2009

The Priority Registration Advisory Committee met on February 13, 2009 to review the submissions requesting priority registration for Fall 2009 early registration. Committee members present for the meeting held in the Upendo Room of SASB North were David Bevevino, Cynthia Demetriou, Deborah Eaker-Rich, Steve May, Reva Grace Phillips, Alice Poehls, Dulcie Straughan, and Cheryl Thomas.

Before reviewing the requests, the PRAC addressed two issues sent to Poehls in advance of the meeting. Steve Reznick asked the PRAC to consider having a student athlete designee on the PRAC. The Committee discussed the topic and concluded that the current method of selection of student representatives used by Student Government did not preclude the involvement on the PRAC of a student athlete or a student from any other campus group.

Theresa Maitland asked that the PRAC allow more lead time at the beginning of the semester for offices to prepare their requests for the Committee. The Committee recognized the validity of the request but concluded the constraints of the current student records system set-up did not allow much adjustment to the current schedule. It was agreed that the process may allow more time for preparation when the campus begins using PeopleSoft in 2010.

The Committee completed their review of all documents and the results are indicated on the attached spreadsheet. All motions were in the affirmative; some members abstained from some votes and those are listed along with the "Nay" votes.

The Committee decided to cancel the meeting tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 16. The PRAC will gather in the same room on Friday, February 20 to hear appeals. Poehls will notify all groups who sent recommendations

Steve Reznick requested an opportunity to ask the members of PRAC a few questions. He wanted a better understanding of the types of reasons a member may have for abstaining from a vote and asked if "by-laws" should contain any direction in that regard. The individual members stated some of their reasons for abstaining from voting (an affinity for the sport, past affiliation with the activity, not enough information, etc.). Poehls stated that parliamentary conventions allow any committee member to abstain from any vote.

Next Reznick quoted this section of the policy:

The student engages in an activity that formally represents the University and by virtue of that representation is required to attend practices and events during hours in which classes are offered (e.g., varsity athletes during a semester in which the student's practice obligation is at the NCAA maximum of 20 hours per week);

He inquired what might cause a committee member to vote against someone who met the criteria of this passage. Poehls reminded the PRAC of the section of the policy immediately preceding this passage stating, "these student groups are eligible to be considered for priority registration." The consideration of the eligibility is the charge of the PRAC. This led to a discussion of the need to review applications for the same groups every semester. Poehls reminded the Committee of the 15% per class statement in the policy and the inability to predict how many groups might be interested in any given semester.

Poehls adjourned the meeting and some Committee members remained to further discuss these topics informally with Reznick.