Memorandum to Presidents

Date: April 15, 1975
From: Office of the Vice Chancellor for University-wide Services and Special Programs
Subject: Financial Aid to Student Athletes

Questions are frequently raised concerning the intent and application of that portion of Trustees' Resolution No. 73-112 which regulates financial aid to athletes. The relevant section reads:

"No agency of the University shall provide or honor student subsidies based primarily on a student's athletic ability."

The following clarifications of the intent and application of the policy were reviewed and endorsed by the Council of Presidents and are forwarded for your use in continued implementation of the policy on your campus.

The intent of the policy is to regularize throughout the University the granting of financial aid to students who are athletes. It was adopted to ensure that a student would not receive financial aid solely or primarily on the basis of athletic ability, but in the same manner as students who are not athletes, on the basis of financial need.

The policy also intends that no member of the student body, faculty, administration, or staff be involved in any process which results in a student receiving financial aid solely or primarily on the basis of athletic ability. This intent includes "agencies" related in any manner to the University, such as booster clubs, alumni associations, foundations, and faculty-student associations.

While the University cannot regulate the actions of non-University related persons or groups, it is the intent of the policy that no member of the University or related agency participate in any manner with persons or groups in providing financial aid to students except through the University's established financial aid procedures.
Members of the University community or related agencies have, in fact, an obligation to assure that all financial aid to students be granted through established procedures.

Students who are athletes may receive financial aid only through the established financial aid procedures of the University, based upon the individual student's financial need.

Where persons or groups desire to make financial aid available to students who are athletes, these aids must be designated, as is aid for students with other special objectives, needs, or abilities, within the established financial aid procedures.

cc: Chancellor Boyer

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