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## Proposed Centralization Would End Buck Passing; Abolish AA, Dual Control

Abolishment of the present dual committee system of controlling athletics, dissolution of the Athletic Association, and replacement by committee of five faculty members, two alumni and two students responsible to the Board of Trustees, and with power to hire, fire and direct (on matters of policy) a graduate Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

That was what the 16-man committee of trustees, faculty members, students and alumni recommended to the board of trustees after meeting from 3 p. m. until almost midnight yesterday.

The group did not discuss the problem of subsidization or de-emphasis beyond recommending that the University reaffirm its general policy toward scholarships and aid to athletes, incorporating the standards of the National Intercollegiate Athletic association. (See Resolutions, page 4, Part I)

It pointed out, however, that such matters would come under the jurisdiction of the proposed committee, if the plan is put into effect.

The resolution (see Resolutions 4, Part II for complete text) was designed to eliminate the present "buck passing" arrangement, involving four entities—the Athletic Association, the faculty Athletic Committee, the student Athletic Council, and the Alumni Association's committee on athletics.

The two student members of the committee would be elected by the Student Body Executive Committee. They would participate in all discussions, and have one vote each, just as faculty and alumni members.

According to the plan, faculty members would be appointed by the Board of Trustees after recommendation by the president of the University, who will be an ex-officio member of the committee.

The conference expressed the desire that the faculty committee be chosen from the academic departments rather than from the physical education department.

The proposal will be discussed by the faculty at their regular meeting Feb. 3, and to the trustees at their next meeting on Feb. 7.

Student Body President Allen Snyder, a member of yesterday's committee, pointed out that this move will increase student say-so in athletic affairs, for the new committeemen will not be excluded from any discussions or balloting.

Alumni members would be appointed by the Alumni Board.

The Alumni Board of Trustees—the governing body of the Alumni

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Association—is composed of seven members elected for three year terms at their annual meeting.

The status of the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics would be similar to that of any other member of the administration without faculty status, such as the treasurer or physician.

His duties would be making out schedules, recommending prospec-

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tive athletes for scholarships, coordinating the efforts of alumni associations to send athletes through Washington and Lee, financial management of intercollegiate sports, selection of coaches, etc.

He would have a free hand as to details, and the privilege of referring all doubtful questions to the Joint Committee. He would, where matters of policy were concerned be controlled by the committee, and his actions would be subject to their veto. He would sit as an ex-officio member of the committee but without vote.

It was pointed out that this is a set-up similar to that of most Southern Conference schools, and complies with the Conference ruling for faculty control of sports.

Yesterday's committee was made up of the following men: For the trustees, Dr. J. M. Hutcheson of Richmond, Harry St. George Tucker Carmichael of Kyrock, Kentucky; James R. Caskie of Lynchburg; and William McChesney Martin of St. Louis.

For the alumni, Dr. Richard Fowlkes of Richmond; John Thomas of Charleston, West Virginia; Earl Fitzpatrick of Roanoke; and Charles Glasgow of Lexington.

For the students, Allen Snyder, Cecil Taylor, Al Fleishman, and William Buchanan.

For the faculty, Dr. Livingston W. Smith, Raymon T. Johnson, Dr. Larkin H. Farinholt, and Dean G. D. Hancock.

Dr. Gaines was chairman of the committee which also included Herbert Fitzpatrick, Rector of the Board of Trustees of Huntington, West Virginia.

If the Trustees adopt the reso-

lutions as submitted, it will mean the dissolution of the Athletic Association—a corporation—as it now stands.

The function which the association has performed would be handled the Athletic Director, with final authority in the hands of the trustees rather than the faculty.

Though there has been no attempt to work out the details of the plan, it is probable that the University, through the Joint Committee, would take over financial control of athletics, and would accept responsibility for the transactions of the director, so long as they come within his duties.

As is customary in all schools, requirements as set forth in the catalog regarding eligibility, absence regulations and similar matters, will remain in the hands of the faculty as a whole.

Among other matters of which the group yesterday took cognizance was the fact that Washington and Lee has never used gate receipts from football games to aid players. The group expressed no desire to begin this practice.

However it did take notice of the fact that athletes who are now working their way through school are for the most part living under difficult housing conditions, and that the time spent in practice plus their working hours puts them at a disadvantage so far as scholastic work and social contacts with the rest of the student body are concerned.

The present Athletic council having been abolished, its duties of approving monogram, numeral and managership selections would be assumed by the new Joint Committee.

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# Resolutions--

At an athletic conference (composed of four representatives of the Board of Trustees, four representatives of the general Alumni Association, four representatives of the faculty, and four representatives of the student body) held in Lexington on January 20, the two following recommendations were formulated to be presented to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting on February 7:

I. With regard to the matter of student aid the Conference recommended that the University reaffirm its position which is expressed in the following paragraphs taken from the standards advocated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

In the award of scholarship aid and student aid in general, an athlete shall not be discriminated against.

The award of any scholarship or student aid to an athlete shall be made through the regular agency supervised by the college for the granting of aid to all students, and athletic participation shall not be a condition for such aid.

No athlete shall be deprived of scholarship or student aid because of failure to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

Aid extended by the college to athletes shall be awarded on the basis of need without regard to the proportion such awards represent in the total amount of aid extended to all students.

An athlete shall be required in employment to give full and honest return for pay received.

II. With regard to the control of

intercollegiate athletics at the University, the Conference makes the following recommendation:

The control of intercollegiate athletics is hereby vested by the Board of Trustees in a University Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. The membership shall consist of nine members—Two alumni appointed by the Alumni Board; two students appointed by the Executive Committee of the Student Body; and five faculty members appointed by the Board of Trustees. The Chairman of the Committee shall be designated by the Board of Trustees from the aforementioned appointees.

The Committee shall recommend to the Board of Trustees the appointment of a Director of Intercollegiate Athletics who shall be entrusted with the active and detailed management of intercollegiate activities, subject to the advice and control of the Committee which shall be responsible directly to the Board of Trustees. The Director shall be ex officio member of the Committee without vote.

Nothing in the above provisions shall in any way interfere with the right of the general faculty of the University to control any and all matters of eligibility of students for participation in intercollegiate contests, absences from class work, or any other matter relating to the scholastic work of members of the student body. All constitutional provisions and all by-laws governing intercollegiate activities which are inconsistent with these provisions are hereby declared to be inoperative.

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