RECOMMENDATION of the Athletic Board that the UWM membership division of the NCAA be Division II in all men's and women's sports except men's soccer which will remain NCAA Division I.

RATIONALE: Will be made available prior to the Senate meeting.

UWM Athletic Board

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RATIONALE:

1. The NCAA has changed a rule effective August, 1985 that requires our women athletes to give up all athletic scholarship money.

2. The Department has two options:
   a) Compete NCAA Div. III (no scholarships) in all women's sports with one women's sport at Div. I with scholarships--identical to the current men's structure; OR
   b) Change our membership division (NCAA Div. II with men's soccer Div. I) so as to allow scholarships in all sports (currently all men's sports except soccer are not allowed athletic grants).

3. The latter option (b) is the preferred one, since it is a positive change. This change has the unanimous support of the entire department, the Athletic Board and the Student Association.

4. The move to NCAA Division II, to be financially possible, requires UWM to be a member also of the NAIA and compete NAIA in most sports, except men's soccer, which will remain NCAA Div. I.

5. If the Athletic Department moves to NCAA Div. II with men's soccer remaining at Div. I, it requires the following financially:
   a) Expenses increase in the area of men's scholarships $40,000 with a corresponding increase in the women's scholarships for Title IX; recruiting increases slightly in the men's area with a corresponding increase for the women.
   b) Income to cover these increases will have to come from two sources: (1) department and (2) student fees.

6. The Department is projecting increasing their ticket sales, user fees (lesson fees, camps/clinics revenue, advertising, etc.), and gift funds. An increase in segregated fees is needed to cover the costs of the move to Division II.

7. The Athletic Board approved a motion to add men's baseball as an intercollegiate sport at a time when it could be funded. Baseball is included as an intercollegiate sport for 1986-87.

8. The Student Senate has agreed to reallocate the $1.00 in segregated fees now supporting the Facility Reserve Fund to Athletics effective 1985-86, and new minimums have been established in segregated fees for 1986-87 and 1987-88 based upon a 5% inflationary increase of the new fee level.

9. If the Faculty Senate does not approve the move to NCAA Division II as UWM's membership division, the Department will be forced to eliminate all women's athletic grants except in one sport.