A Program of Grants-in-Aid to Athletes at UWM

Recommendations of the Financial Aids Committee
In response to a request from the Chancellor of the UWM, the Financial Aids Committee and the Athletic Board have developed policy statements for the allocation of grants-in-aid to athletes.

The following policy statements relating to grants-in-aid to athletes are submitted to the UWM Faculty by the Financial Aids Committee for consideration:

1. In order to qualify for financial support the athletes must meet the same academic standards as those required for staying in the University.

2. The athletic eligibility of the applicants should be determined by the Sub-committee on Financial Assistance - Athletic Board.

3. The financial need of the applicants should be determined by the Financial Aids Committee using the same forms and criteria as used for other students.

4. The maximum amount of the grant-in-aid to an athlete should equal the amount of the fees and tuition.

5. The funds for the grants-in-aid for the athletes, as administered under the policies of the Financial Aids Committee, shall come from non-tax-supported funds.

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Statement of the UWM Committee
on the Proposal for Grants-in-Aid to Athletes

In 1963 the faculty of The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee urged the UWM Athletic Board to consider the necessary steps to form a conference of urban universities as soon as practical. Following this recommendation from the faculty, Dr. Klotsche contacted presidents from other urban universities to determine their interest in the formation of a new athletic conference. Subsequently, representatives from the following seven universities met to discuss the idea: University of Missouri, Kansas City; Municipal University of Omaha; University of Akron; University of Illinois, Chicago; University of Toledo; Wayne State University and The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. All of these schools are publicly supported urban universities, field teams in the same sports and have somewhat common problems in their athletic programs.

A grant-in-aid program for athletes was one of the topics discussed by representatives of the schools. The institutions present indicated that a minimum grant-in-aid program was desirable and that most had or were contemplating such a program in the near future. Generally, this program consists of tuition and a limited amount for books.

At the present time, UWM does not have a program for grant-in-aids for athletes. If the University is to enter into a competitive conference, and maintain some degree of proficiency in athletic events, it appears highly desirable that a grant-in-aid program be established so that UWM can be on an equal competitive level with the other schools in recruiting athletes.

The monies for such a grant-in-aid program would be coming from groups who are primarily interested in the promotion of athletics. These groups would be from within and outside the university. Under no circumstances would tax money be used to support the program. Fund recruitment for this program need not and should not interfere with recruitment of funds for other university activities.

Under these conditions the UWM Committee supports the policy of grants-in-aid to athletes.

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