Division I Institutional Performance Program (IPP)

**Document:** IPP Steering Committee Minutes
Meeting held in conjunction with campus strategic planning committee

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**Overview:**
The Institutional Performance Program (IPP) process is meant to ensure the NCAA’s fundamental commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics. The University’s Self-Study must be submitted to the NCAA no later than May 15, 2016.

**Meeting Minutes:**

1. Updated written plan/incorporated changes based on changing personnel
   - Still on track/begin aggressive schedule of sub-committee work September – December.
   - Goal is to provide preliminary draft of sub-committee reports to the steering committee chair, athletic director and SWA/IPP liaison for review during trip to NCAA Convention in January, 2016.
2. Meeting rooms in University Crossing will be held by Victoria.
3. Discussed how Year 3 update report should impact IPP self-study. Decision is to include Year 3 information in the Annual Report to the NCAA.
4. Discussion relative to utilizing Janet Judge as outside consultant for gender issues review. Recommendation to secure her services for initial review of UML’s Title IX status. Dana will contact Janet regarding scope of services.
5. Discussion relative to communication about NCAA issues and new legislation. Covering cost of attendance stipends will depend on generated revenues. Preliminary plan is to provide COAs in hockey and continue to monitor America East with regard to COAs for other sports.
6. Recommendation to have Dana and Sandra send articles, updates to steering committee members to keep them informed.

Department of Athletics  
NCAA IPP Self-Study Process  
NCAA Institutional Performance Program (IPP) Visit

**NCAA Visit – August 25 & 26, 2015**

- Purpose of NCAA Visit – To provide direction/advice regarding completion of UMass Lowell’s Institutional Performance Plan (IPP) Self Study. The Self-Study will be utilized by the NCAA to assess the University’s Division I readiness. NCAA representatives will meet with key University personnel and the four IPP committees during the visit to campus.

- NCAA Representatives  
  - *Mira Zimmerman* – Will retire from NCAA soon after following her visit to UMass Lowell

- UMass Lowell IPP Self-Study Written Plan  
  - The Written Plan is attached

- IPP Self-Study Structure - The IPP self-study process includes the following:  
  - *A Steering Committee* chaired by Don Pierson  
  - *Three sub-committees* – (1) Academic Integrity, (2) Governance & Rules Compliance, (3) Equity, Diversity and Student-Athlete Well Being  
  - *Diversity and Gender Equity Plans* that must be produced by 2016-17  
  - *A Comprehensive Self-Study* – This report will combine recommendations from each of the three sub-committees

- Personnel Changes/Key Positions:  
  - *University Self-Study Primary Contact* - Emily Byrne has been replaced by Victoria Denoon  
  - *University IPP Liaison* – Sandie Niedergall has replaced Tracy Ellis-Ward as the liaison.  
  - *University Reporter* – Maria Sheehy is the University’s IPP Reporter. She is responsible to gather the reports of the three sub-committees and write the final Self-Study to be submitted to the NCAA Committee on Reclassification.