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Dear Professor Smith:

Thank you very much for your fine letter of November 5th. You have enunciated an opinion regarding a policy that seems wholly acceptable and logical, but it is not for me to express that opinion. However, I do want you to know that I very much appreciate your conviction along the lines that you expressed.

I might say, Professor Smith, that while I feel that you have expressed a point of view sympathetic to me, I should say that this committee should not be considered a committee representing the Department of Physical Education. Rather, I feel that it is just as important as a committee on Student Health and Housing. This affects the entire student body and faculty of the University, both men and women, and that is why I felt that a group of men on this committee representing all angles of the interests of the University would be most helpful to it.

I did not say that I desired the Committee on Athletics abolished. Rather, that committee could still function if it so desired, although nothing has been done for quite some time.

Doubtless all of the legal affairs, as well as the relationship of one school with the other in athletics, would naturally be administered by the University of Kansas Physical Education Corporation, which is in fact the Athletic Board. But if the Senate Committee desired to recommend that the number of hours for participation be cut down and the academic requirement raised, then that would be in their right. Say that no student might participate by representing the University of Kansas unless this individual had 20 hours of C average the two preceding semesters. A Senate committee could work this out and pass it on to the faculty representative, who is Professor W. W. Davis. Then Professor Davis could go before the Big Six Conference and propose it. This was done several years ago, and nothing came of it. So long as we are members of the Big Six athletic body we, of course, must follow the Big Six rule. And our Athletic Board is faculty controlled, and since the members are appointed by the Senate it is a Senate committee.