

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2016 ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

1. Chair Report. Dr. Hadley introduced Bryce Young, Athletic Council student-athlete representative and men's lacrosse student-athlete. He also shared the key highlights of the December 3, 2016 Big Ten faculty athletics representative meeting which included discussion on conference tournament formats in the context of missed class time and appropriate student-athlete rest and recovery. In addition, Dr. Hadley recognized the athletics department for being selected as honorable mention for the 2017 NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Award. The NCAA will display a pop-up banner to recognize the University of Maryland at the January NCAA Convention.
2. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the Athletic Council's November 10, 2016 meeting were approved with no changes.
3. Athletic Director Report. Kevin Anderson introduced Dr. Jamie Williams, Director of Student-Athlete Engagement and Professional Development. An accomplished former student-athlete and professional athlete with a Ph.D. in Education in Organization and Leadership, it was shared that Dr. Williams will apply his wealth of knowledge and experiences in academics and athletic administration to the athletic department and university community. In his competitive excellence report, Mr. Anderson noted that the winter sports have commenced their seasons and that the women's basketball team will be playing at home against the University of Connecticut on December 29.
4. Annual NCAA Graduation Success Rate Report. Chris Uchacz, Associate Athletic Director for the Academics and Student-Athlete Development Unit, provided the annual NCAA graduation success (GSR) and federal graduation rate (FGR) report. He noted that both metrics include graduation-rate data based on a six-year cohort prescribed by the U.S. Department of Education. Mr. Uchacz shared that the 2016 NCAA GSR is 85%. This is the seventh consecutive year that the athletic department's GSR has met or exceeded the 80% mark. With regard to the 2016 FGR, the four-class average was reported at 70%. It was noted that the NCAA Division I average is 66%.

[NOTE: The NCAA GSR differs from the federal calculation in two important ways. First, the GSR holds colleges accountable for those student-athletes who transfer into their school. Second, the GSR does not penalize colleges whose student-athletes transfer in good academic standing. Essentially, those student-athletes are moved into another college's cohort.]
5. Honoring Coaches. On behalf of the Athletic Council Executive Committee, Dr. Hadley presented the proposed policy and criteria for honoring coaches with plaques or banners. The new recognition policy includes language that specifies automatic qualification, the nomination process, and citizenship. It is anticipated that the Athletic Council will take formal action on this policy at its next regular meeting.
6. Future Meetings. February 13, March 13, April 18 and May 18.