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AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (DR. HADLEY)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (MEHRTENS)
- III. NORTHWESTERN STUDENT-ATHLETE UNIONIZATION ACC LAWSUIT (ROACH)
- IV. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO MEHTOD OF APPOINTING DEAN TO THE ATHLETIC COUNCIL (HADLEY)
- V. DISCUSSION OF REVISED WORDING OF ACADEMIC REVIEW SECTION OF THE ATHLETIC POLICY MANUAL (HADLEY)

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I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. <u>Big Ten Meetings.</u> Dr. Hadley updated the council on the recently completed Big Ten meetings. The bulk of the conversation centered around NCAA restructuring and some of the "wants" of the Big Five conference members.
- B. <u>Alcohol Sales.</u> Dr. Hadley alerted the council to the recent movement by student government to approve alcohol sales at sporting events. This proposal has been forwarded to the University Senate, but alcohol sales at athletic events falls under the jurisdiction of the council therefore it is an anticipated future topic.
- C. <u>Missed Class Time Policy.</u> Dr. Hadley informed the council that the academic committee is currently working through a proposed missed class time policy to meet Big Ten standards. The goal is the have a proposal for the full council to review in a April with a full vote in May.
- D. <u>President Emmert Visit.</u> Dr. Hadley asked Marcus Wilson, Sr. Associate AD for Compliance, to update the council on the recent visit by NCAA President Mark Emmert. Marcus commented that the feedback from the NCAA has been very good and the entire day was very well received. The visit included meetings with local community leadership and student athletes.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. <u>Competitive Update.</u> Deputy Athletic Director Kelly Mehrtens updated the competitive status of the winter and spring sports.
- B. <u>Staffing Update.</u> Kelly Mehrtens announced that Steve Aird, formally an assistant at Penn State, has been named the Head Volleyball Coach with the departure of Tim Horsmon.
- C. <u>Fundraising Update.</u> Marlene Feldman, President of the Terrapin Club Scholarship Fund, provided the council with a fundraising update. Overall fundraising continues to track positively and the fund drive is ongoing.
- D. <u>Ticket Sales Update</u>. Marie Brown reported that football season ticket sales are up 64% from the same time last year and that total revenue for 2013 football ended up overall from the previous season.

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- E. <u>Big Ten Integration Update.</u> Ryan Bowles updated the council on the work of the Big Ten Integration Committees and highlighted some of the key areas of focus that have been identified.
- F. <u>SAAC Update.</u> Lori Ebihara updated the council on the initiatives that the Student Athlete Advisory Committee have emphasized this year. The three main goals were to raise awareness of SAAC with the student athletes, engage in campus and community service projects and to provide input in NCAA legislation and student welfare issues.

III. NORTHWESTERN & ACC LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Terry Roach updated the council on the attempt by Northwestern student athletes to unionize. Terry described the process and the two sides of the case. Additionally he discussed what it could mean if they were able to unionize.

He also updated on the ACC and Maryland court cases regarding Maryland's exit from the conference.

IV. DEANS APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL

The Council reviewed proposed changes to the language in the council policy manual regarding the appointment process of the Dean to the membership.

V. ACADEMIC REVIEW POLICY

The Council reviewed the proposed schedule to be updated in the council policy regarding semi-annual prescribed academic reviews for each team.

Meeting Adjourned