# Athletic Council April 21, 2011



### <u>AGENDA</u>

- I. CHAIR REPORT (DR. WELLFORD)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (KEVIN ANDERSON)
- III. DRUG POLICY (CLEMENT/CONWAY)
- IV. CHANGES IN ALCOHOL POLICY (HARRISON)
- v. ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (UCHACZ)



#### I. DRUG POLICY

Dr. Linda Clement, Chair of the Student Life Committee, and Darryl Conway, Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine, presented a proposal to make changes to the student athlete drug policy. The primary change would be to move away from health center testing and have all testing done by the National Center for Drug Free Sport. This would put Maryland's testing on par with the industry standard as they conduct all NCAA testing, as well as the Olympics and professional leagues. The council will vote on this at the May meeting.

#### II. CHANGES IN ALCOHOL POLICY

Cheryl Harrison, Senior Associate Athletic Director presented proposed changes to the alcohol policy for Tyser Tower. The changes would include liquor to be served in the suites and no limit on the number of drinks served. Additionally, a request was made to allow for alcohol in Spring Heritage Hall for Men's Basketball games during pre-game activities. The council will vote on this at the May meeting.

#### III. APR DISCUSSION

Chris Uchacz, Associate Athletic Director ASCDU presented information regarding Maryland's Academic Progress Rate. Chris gave an overview of what the APR is, how Maryland teams stack up and discussed how Maryland's football team fell below the cut score and why they are receiving loss of scholarship.

#### IV. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. <u>ACC Meetings.</u> Kevin Anderson noted that the ACC recently discussed increasing the football conference slate from 8 games to 9 (Maryland opposes) and the men's and women's basketball slate from 16 to 18 games (Maryland opposes). If the increase were to occur in men's basketball Maryland would not host Duke every third year.
- B. <u>New Staff.</u> Kevin Anderson announced that Laura Fellon has been named interim SWA and Nate Pine has been hired as the Chief of Staff.
- C. <u>Campus Rec.</u> Kevin Anderson thanked Linda Clement and Campus Rec for working with athletics to look at the possibility of putting down turf on a number of grass fields as a partnership that would help both entities.

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#### V. CHAIR REPORT

Dr. Wellford updated the council on proposed legislation for men's basketball that requires programs to have a 50% graduation rate to be eligible for the post season. The ACC believes this is unfair to penalize current student athletes for the academic performance of student athletes from the past. The ACC has discussed an alternate proposal that would require men's basketball student athletes to pass 9 degree applicable credits in order to be eligible for the next semester. The Faculty Athletic Representatives have approved, the Presidents are enthusiastic and the proposal will be presented to the Head Coaches in May.

Meeting Adjourned.