

Athletic Council
September 22, 2011



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (DR. HADLEY)
 - a. Term of Coach on Athletic Council
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (ANDERSON)
- III. WRITING SPECIALIST GUIDELINES (UCHACZ)
- IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON ICA (CLEMENT)

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Dr. Hadley welcomed Council members and thanked them for agreeing to serve during the 2011-12 academic year.

He noted that the Council frequently discusses sensitive information and that confidentiality is expected of all. Dr. Hadley serves as the Council's spokesperson on all topics.

II. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Athletic Council Charter. Dr. Hadley distributed the Council's Charter and reviewed the responsibilities of the council. Dr. Hadley distributed a proposal to clarify the term of the Head Coach as it is stated in the Charter to be voted on at the October meeting.
- B. COIA Handout. Dr. Hadley distributed a report from the Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics which cited Maryland (one of six) that scored the highest in faculty oversight of the athletics department.
- C. Cross Country APR Dr. Hadley recognized Andrew Valmon and the Cross Country program for having an APR that ranks in the top-10%.
- D. President's Medal Dr. Hadley announced that former chair of the Athletic Council, Dr. Charles Wellford, will be honored with the President's Medal in early October.

III. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. ACC Expansion. Kevin Anderson provided an update on what transpired in adding Pittsburgh and Syracuse to the ACC.
- B. Staff Update. Kevin Anderson announced that the department has hired Kelly Mehrrens to serve as the Deputy AD for internal operations and Lori Ebiara as Senior Woman's Administrator. Also announced that Laura Chiriaco has been named the new Head Coach for Acrobatics & Tumbling and Diane Matias is serving as interim Head Coach for Women's Tennis with the departure of Howard Joffee.
- C. Drug Testing. Kevin Anderson stated that the new drug testing policy, approved by the council last year, has had a positive impact so far.

- D. Competitive Update. Kevin Anderson noted that Maryland finished 17th in the final standings of the Learfield Director's Cup last year, its highest finish ever. He recognized the good starts that Football, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Field Hockey and Volleyball were having this year.
- E. Academic Update. Chris Uchacz updated the council on the many academic achievements Maryland student athletes achieved in 2010-11, many were all-time highs.
- F. Development Staff Restructuring. Nate Pine updated the council on the development staff restructuring, designed to increase giving and revenues. J Batt will now oversee the unit.
- G. Budget Update. Jon Palumbo updated the council on the budget. Last year the department finished with a small deficit which was covered by the University and will be paid back in future years. The department continues to project a deficit in FY'12, but are working with the President's Commission to identify areas for revenue increase and expense decrease. Jon circulated a proposed student fee increase with the department will present to the SGA shortly.
- H. Cheryl Harrison. Cheryl Harrison informed the council of her new role which focuses in on community outreach and relationship building between the department and community.

IV. WRITING SPECIALIST GUIDELINES

Chris Uchacz, Associate AD for ASCDU, informed the council that ASCDU has opened a writing lab to assist our student athletes. A committee was formed to develop policies and procedures and a list of do's and don'ts for the writing lab in order to ensure we are not providing too much support. These policies and procedures were developed in collaboration with the English Department's Writing Center staff. The ASCDU Writing Lab tutors have been given extensive instruction and training.

V. PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Dr. Linda Clement, Co-Chair of the President's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, updated the council on the work that is being done by the commission and outlined the timeline that the commission is working with. The Council will review the commission's report, as well as, the response by ICA. An extra meeting of the council has been scheduled for December.

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Meeting Adjourned