

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2015 ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Academic Reviews. Dr. Hadley shared that academic reviews for the sports of men's basketball, women's basketball and softball have been conducted and that a full report will occur at the Athletic Council's December meeting.
- B. Student Life Committee. Dr. Hadley reported that the Student Life Committee has been engaged in a review of the current drug testing policy relative to positive test results for marijuana use. He noted that this review has included an overview of the legal changes related to marijuana, a comparison review of other Big Ten institutional drug testing policies, and the consideration of alternative policies.

In consultation with the University general counsel, the Student Life Committee also reviewed the current Student-Athlete Handbook policy on social media.

It is anticipated that the Student Life Committee will present recommendations on both of these matters at the next regular meeting of the Athletic Council.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Competitive Update. Kelly Mehrtens reported on the competitive accomplishments of the fall sports that are concluding and winter sports that are beginning their seasons.
- B. Ticket Sales Update. Matt Monroe shared overall sales to date for football. Football has already exceeded the ticket sales goal with one home game remaining.

III. ADMISSIONS REPORT

Britt Reynolds, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, reviewed the most recent freshman cohorts, including general student data and student-athlete data, and individual admit academic graduation outcomes for student-athletes and the general student population.

IV. NCAA GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE (GSR) UPDATE

Chris Uchacz, Associate Athletic Director for Academics, provided a NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) report. The University of Maryland has earned an institutional GSR of 85 percent. This is the sixth time in the eleven-year history of the metric that Maryland has been above 80 percent.

[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.]

V. BIG TEN INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL

Dr. Hadley shared that in August 2015, the Big Ten's Standards for Safeguarding Institutional Governance of Intercollegiate Athletics went into effect. The standards were developed and adopted by the Big Ten's Council of Presidents/Chancellors and embody the firm commitment of each member institution to the core principle that intercollegiate athletics be aligned with the overall educational mission. The standards reflect the agreement by all member institutions as to what must be achieved if institutions are to maintain appropriate oversight and control of the operation of intercollegiate athletic programs. In accordance with the conference standards, each institution developed its own institutional standards. Dr. Hadley reported that President Loh reviewed and approved Maryland's standards and that the policies have been reviewed with the coaching staff members.