

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2015 ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

I. NEW HEAD COACH INTRODUCTION

Kevin Anderson introduced new head football coach DJ Durkin. Coach Durkin comes to Maryland from the University of Michigan where he served as the defensive coordinator. He earned his bachelor's degree in business marketing and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision. Coach Durkin expressed his appreciation for the welcome that he has received since his arrival and is looking forward to being part of the Maryland community.

II. CHAIR REPORT

Academic Reviews. Dr. Hadley provided a report on the recently completed academic reviews for men's basketball, women's basketball and softball. Council Chair, Dr. Hadley and Vice-Chair, Nan Ratner, complete a series of scheduled academic progress reviews each semester consistent with Athletic Council policy. All three programs are doing well academically.

III. DIRECTOR REPORT

Competitive Update. Kevin Anderson reported on the competitive accomplishments of the winter sports which are starting to prepare for the Big Ten Conference regular season.

IV. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Linda Clement, Chair of the Student Life Committee, reported that the committee has completed its review of the current drug testing penalties related to positive tests resulting from marijuana use. At issue is whether the penalties should be treated similar or different to performance enhancing drugs. The committee reviewed current state law and other Big Ten institutional penalty structures and focused on a desire for student-athletes to have counseling and access to the support and structure of team activities for 2nd and 3rd offenses.

It was the sense of the Council to support the recommended changes and formal action will occur at the Council's next regular meeting on February 16, 2016.

V. OTHER ITEMS

Nan Ratner inquired about advertising policies at athletic events, specifically for not for profit services. Kelly Mehrtens agreed to follow-up with Dr. Ratner.