

AGENDA

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 - B. STUDENTS AT SHADY GROVE
 - C. ALCOHOL AT BYRD STADIUM
- IV. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT (Dr. Peres)

I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Membership. Dr. Wellford announced that membership terms for Suzanne Bianchi, Joel Cohen and Chris Davis have expired, as well as vice-chair Mary Ann Hoffman. He thanked them for their dedication and service. In addition it was announced that Robin Sawyer has been appointed the new vice-chair and James Gates, Nicholas Hedley and Nan Ratner will begin terms on the council in the fall of 2007.
- B. Policies. Dr. Wellford stated that Dr. Mote had approved both the international travel policy and student athlete honor code that were reviewed and approved at the April meeting.
- C. Duke Student Athlete Eligibility. Dr. Wellford informed the council that Duke University had approached the ACC seeking their support in their request of the NCAA to grant an extra year of eligibility to student athletes on the men's lacrosse team whose season was cancelled in 2006. Members of the ACC were asked to vote on whether or not they support this request. After much discussion the council voted 13-0-2 to not support this request.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Baltimore Sun article. Dr. Yow stated that she anticipates the Baltimore Sun article regarding student athlete discipline to appear soon. As a result of indications that the department had received regarding the direction of the piece, she sent out a letter in early May to all key athletic constituents in an attempt to put things in proper context and for the purpose of information sharing.
- B. Women's Lacrosse. Dr. Yow informed the council that the women's lacrosse team advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament and that head coach Cathy Reese had been named ACC Coach of the Year in her first season.
- C. Houston Nutt article- Dr. Yow distributed an article that appeared in a local Arkansas newspaper regarding the cell phone records of University of Arkansas Head Football Coach Houston Nutt. Records had been received after a freedom of information act request was made by the newspaper. Dr. Yow stated that she also shared this article at the May coaches meeting to make all coaches aware that this could occur here as well.

- D. Cost of Attendance Lawsuit- Dr. Yow distributed an article updating the council on the continued lawsuit between former student athletes and the NCAA seeking monies they did not receive for full cost of attendance. This could have a significant impact on universities if they are required to pay back these funds in addition to providing full cost of attendance to student athletes in the future. Dr. Yow supports this new expense only for those with demonstrated financial need.
- E. Guiding Principles of Maryland Athletics- Dr. Yow distributed the ERA document, guiding principles of Maryland athletics, to the council. This document was also given to the coaches at their monthly coaches meeting in May. It is an outline of how the department establishes its culture and how it is operationalized. Dr. Yow will present this document at the National Athletic Director's meeting in early June.
- F. Student Athlete Letter- Dr. Yow distributed a letter from a professor praising the behavior of student athletes that he has in class. She receives many of these each year.
- G. Tutoring Sessions- Dr. Yow distributed an article on tutoring sessions at the University of Georgia, where student athletes are being fined for not attending required tutoring sessions. There are no plans to use this same policy at Maryland, however.
- H. Membership- Dr. Yow thanked the council for their advice to Maryland athletics over the past year.

III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. The amended international travel policy was reviewed and accepted unanimously. Dr. Mote has also approved these changes.
- B. The athletic council discussed whether or not students at the Shady Grove campus are able to compete on athletic teams at College Park. Students at Shady Grove are considered full-time members of the College Park campus and receive the same benefits. There was some stated concern as to whether or not these students who could compete on teams that would be able to be fully supervised academically using department academic counselors. This issue was tabled to the Executive Committee to discuss specifically with Shady Grove representatives this summer.
- C. The executive committee reviewed a recommendation from the Terrapin Club to allow for alcohol in suites in Byrd Stadium following

the completion of the expansion project. The executive committee had voted 5-1-1 to not allow alcohol. The Council voted 10-1 to accept the recommendation of the executive committee and to not allow alcohol.

- D. The council reviewed the department's response to the most recent COIA document. The merits of joining COIA were debated. The discussion on whether or not to support joining COIA was tabled until the fall for further discussion.

IV. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Items from the academic committee were tabled until the fall.

Meeting Adjourned.