

AGENDA

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**I. CHAIR REPORT**

- A. Minutes from the Council's March meeting were distributed.
- B. Dr. Wellford reported that President Mote had approved the Council's recommendation that Maryland's GPA requirements be updated to match the NCAA's revised requirements. ASCDU will note the change in the Student-Athlete Handbook and Michael Lipitz will record the change in the Council's Policy Manual.
- C. Dr. Wellford updated the Council on the recent ACC Meetings. Maryland had three Weaver James Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship Winners. The ACC will now recognize all-academic performers from the Competitive Cheerleading team. The ACC will eliminate its limit regarding partial qualifiers, as the NCAA's new sliding scale for initial eligibility renders the partial qualifier category obsolete.
- D. The ACC will extend recognition of all-academic teams from football and men's and women's basketball to all sports. Guidelines for selection and recognition will be developed this summer and will be in place for the 2005-06 academic year.
- E. Dr. Wellford noted that he met recently with representatives of the university's cycling club and shared with them the Council's guidelines for adding varsity sports.
- F. Dr. Wellford reported that three teams were subject to academic review following the Fall 2004 Semester: football, men's basketball and men's cross country.
- G. Dr. Wellford noted that wrestling, men's cross country and men's soccer each won their respective ACC Sportsmanship Award this year.

**II. DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. Dr. Yow reported that Maryland recent completed an agreement with Infinity Baltimore to serve as its new flagship of the Terrapin Radio Network. The new deal provides for significantly enhanced coverage of Maryland athletics games and events, including expanded pregame and postgame shows for football and men's and women's basketball games, a new, two-hour weekly Terps Talk radio show, the broadcast of all home men's lacrosse games for the first time ever, an expanded number of

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women's basketball broadcasts, the addition of an FM signal in the greater-Baltimore market, and much more.

- B. Dr. Yow informed the Council of mandatory increases in the department's budget for FY06: utilities will rise 20%; health insurance will rise 14%; tuition (scholarship bill) will rise 7.9% for out-of-state students and 5.9% for in-state students; board will increase 4.9% and room will rise 2.6%.
- C. Dr. Yow reported that women's water polo won 12 matches in its second season of competition and recruiting is going well. Competitive Cheerleading finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at its national championship, after a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish a year ago. Maryland continues to draw attention from other colleges interested in potentially adding the varsity sport.
- D. Dr. Yow informed the Council that Shannon Cirovski had retired as women's soccer coach to spend more time with her three young children. Troy Tucker is leading the search with the goal of having a new head coach in place by mid-May.
- E. Dr. Yow provided three handouts to the Council:
  - 1. Legal Issues in College Athletics: Does More Institutional Liability Exist Today for Misconduct During Official Visits of Prospective Student-Athletes?
  - 2. Show Colleges the Money – University sports in need of some commercialism. This article by NCAA President Myles Brand argues that college athletics needs more commercial dollars, not fewer, and that the focus should be on how the money is spent rather than how funds are raised.
  - 3. Letter to the Editor of the Faculty Voice, by Darryl Hill. Mr. Hill, a former Maryland football player and the first African-American football student-athlete in the ACC, wrote the letter in response to Peter Wolf's article charging racism in Maryland sports.

### **III. BUDGET REPORT**

- A. Larry Leckonby distributed the budget projections for FY05 and FY06. He reviewed revenues and expenditures for each fiscal year and answered questions from Council members. Maryland is projected to balance its budget for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

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#### **IV. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Dr. Dorfman reported on the development of a policy regarding student-athletes attending summer school prior to enrollment, which is now permissible under NCAA rules. The committee recommended that incoming students be permitted to enroll in summer school and have the same scholarship they have during the academic year (e.g. a student-athlete on a 40% scholarship would have 40% of summer school paid). The committee further recommended that courses be degree applicable and if the student earns a grade of D or F, they would need to complete an academic plan for freshman year. The draft policy will be presented to coaches in May and the department will review budget implications before a final recommendation is submitted.
- B. Dr. Dorfman reported that the academic committee had reviewed the current practice that letters of intent include the requirements for admission for individual student-athletes and recommended that this practice continue.

#### **V. STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE**

- A. Kathy Worthington reported that the Student-Athlete Welfare Committee recommends the following regarding health insurance for student-athletes:
  - 1. All walk-on student-athletes must be covered by some type of personal health insurance before being permitted to join an athletic team and participate in any strength and conditioning activity, practice or competition.
  - 2. Scholarship student-athletes who declare that they do not have personal health insurance and who are Pell-eligible would have primary health insurance purchased for them through the Student Athlete Assistance Fund. The annual premium for these policies would cost approximately \$1,300 per student-athlete and would provide coverage for athletically-related and non-athletically related injuries and illnesses.
  - 3. International, scholarship student-athletes who declare that they do not have personal health insurance would have primary health insurance purchased for them through the Student Athlete Opportunity Fund. The annual premium for these policies would cost approximately \$1,300 per student-athlete and would provide coverage for athletically-related and non-athletically related injuries and illnesses.

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The Council discussed the merits of the recommendation and opted to revisit the issue at its May meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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