

AGENDA

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- V. STUDENT-ATHLETE SUBSISTENCE WHILE TAKING ONLINE COURSES AND SUMMER COURSES AT HOME (Kathy Worthington)
- VI. STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE (Recommendation)
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I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Dr. Wellford thanked outgoing Council members George Bean, Jackson Bryer, Ed Montgomery, Jessica Welty and Bob Dorfman for their service. He announced that Lemma Senbet and Art Popper would join the Council in 2005-06, along with addition new members yet to be determined.
- B. ACC Spring Meetings
 - 1. Dr. Wellford reported that the ACC has approved the creation of annual All-Academic teams for all sports.
 - 2. The ACC also approved the generation of an annual secondary violations (infractions) composite report to be distributed to all institutions.
 - 3. During the ACC meetings of head football and men's basketball coaches, the following concerns were expressed:
 - a. Men's basketball coaches requested flexibility in determining when to provide required days off for student-athletes.
 - b. Men's basketball coaches requested reconsideration of legislation that moved the start time of the first full practice (Midnight Madness) to 7:00 pm. Coaches would like it moved even earlier, to 3:00 pm.
 - c. Women's basketball legislation allows for 4 hours of non-traditional season practice per week, while men's basketball legislation allows for 2 hours of non-traditional season practice per week. Men's basketball coaches requested that this legislation be standardized.
 - d. Football coaches asked that the conference reintroduce legislation to permit student-athletes to have 5 years of eligibility to utilize in 5 years ("5 in 5" proposal).

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Dr. Yow reported that Maryland Wrestling ranked 12th nationally for team grade point average by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) and first in the ACC.
- B. Dr. Yow distributed copies of the athletics department's booster compliance brochure and noted that language regarding sanctions resulting from violations of NCAA rules had been strengthened to include possible legal action, loss of ticket privileges, disassociation from the program, etc.
- C. Dr. Yow distributed a chart detailing the recruiting guidelines of ACC institutions related to official visits. Maryland coaches were initially

concerned that requiring both the student-athlete host and prospective student-athlete to sign a post-visit form would result in a recruiting disadvantage. However, all other ACC schools also require post-visit signatures. Therefore, Maryland will require that the coach and prospective student-athlete sign a post-visit form.

- D. Dr. Yow distributed an article from the Lawrence Journal-World regarding schools performing background checks on all prospective student-athletes. The Executive Committee will research the issue and report to the Council in the Fall.
- E. Dr. Yow shared with the Council the athletic program's capital campaign priorities. In the upcoming \$800M university capital campaign, athletics is responsible for raising \$151M. All facilities projects pursued by athletics will be privately funded (no State monies).
- F. Dr. Yow reported that Darryl Conway, Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Medicine, is researching options and costs related to steroid testing and will report his findings to the Council at a future meeting.
- G. Dr. Yow took time to thank Council members for their service, counsel and advice throughout the academic year.

III. SUMMER SCHOOL PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT

Dr. Wellford distributed a draft of Maryland's policy on student-athletes attending summer school prior to enrollment, as well as the policies of other ACC institutions. The Council approved the policy in principle, with minor adjustments to be made by the Compliance Office to ensure that the policy is in accordance with NCAA legislation. The policy will be forwarded to President Mote for his approval.

IV. SUBSISTENCE FOR ONLINE AND HOME SUMMER COURSES

Dr. Wellford explained that student-athletes sometimes receive room and board subsistence as part of their scholarships for summer courses even when they are living at home. The Council determined that this was not appropriate and recommended that student-athletes living at home while taking summer courses should not receive subsistence funds.

V. STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE

The Council continued its conversation from the April meeting regarding student-athlete health insurance. The Council approved the following three recommendations:

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- A. Recommend strongly that all walk-on student-athletes be mandated to be covered by some type of personal health insurance before being permitted to join the athletic team and/or participate in any strength and conditioning activity, practice or competition.
 - B. Student-athletes who declare that they do not have personal health insurance coverage AND are Pell-eligible would have primary health insurance purchased for them through the Student Athlete Assistance Fund which was created to provide funding for student-athlete welfare. The annual premium for these policies, which would provide coverage for athletically-related and non-athletically-related injuries and illnesses, would cost approximately \$1,300 per student-athlete.
 - C. International student-athletes who declare that they do not have personal health insurance coverage would have primary health insurance purchased for them through the Student Athlete Opportunity Fund which was also created to provide funding for student-athlete welfare. The annual premium for these policies, which would provide coverage for athletically-related and non-athletically-related injuries and illnesses, would cost approximately \$1,300 per student-athlete.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Lipitz