



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- III. ADMISSIONS (Britt Reynolds)
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS

I. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Dr. Wellford welcomed Council members and thanked them for agreeing to serve during the 2005-06 academic year. He reviewed the Council's committee structure and its charge and functions as described in the Athletic Council Charter.

He noted that the Council frequently discusses sensitive information and that confidentiality is critical. Dr. Wellford serves as the Council's spokesperson on all topics.

II. CHAIR REPORT

Barbara Gill, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, and Britt Reynolds, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, provided an overview of the admissions process for the Council. They reviewed the six most recent freshman cohorts, including general student data and student-athlete data, and commented on the unit's excellent working relationship with the athletics department.

Council members commented that it may be appropriate to revisit the names assigned to various admissions classifications. Dr. Wellford referred the matter to the Academic Subcommittee.

III. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Dr. Wellford reviewed the individual admit policy with the Council. IA's are limited to a three-year rolling average of 26, with no more than 30 in any one year. Transfers are generally not eligible for IA admission, but exceptions may be made.
- B. Dr. Wellford reviewed the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund. It is not a need-based fund and is provided for through NCAA revenues from the CBS men's basketball television agreement. Student-athlete representatives from all ACC schools are deciding whether to donate 10% of this year's fund (approximately \$17,000) to the SAOF funds of student-athletes at schools impacted by Hurricane Katrina.
- C. Dr. Wellford noted that the ACC will review its Intra-conference Transfer Rule this year. The matter was referred to the Academic Committee for further discussion.

- D. Dr. Wellford updated the Council on the ACC Academic Consortium, which utilizes approximately \$400,000 of ACC bowl game revenues for collaborative academic projects among ACC institutions.
- E. Dr. Wellford reported that the athletics department will soon receive its Academic Progress Rate (APR) data for the 2004-05 academic year.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Yow distributed a partial listing of the athletic department's annual reporting requirements that details the numerous reports required each academic year and to whom the information is submitted.
- B. Dr. Yow reported that Maryland achieve an all-time record of 252 student-athletes on the ACC Honor Roll, which requires a 3.0 GPA for the 2004-05 academic year. Maryland ranked second in the ACC among all public institutions, ahead of Virginia and behind North Carolina.
- C. Dr. Yow reported that Maryland's official student-athlete graduation rate also reached an all-time high of 70% in the most recent report. This closely follows the 73% graduation rate for Maryland's entire undergraduate student body. The football team achieved a remarkable 79% graduation rate.
- D. Dr. Yow reported that Maryland balanced its budget for the 11th-consecutive year, following a decade (FY84-FY94) of unbalanced operating budgets. The athletics department has been able to continue balancing budgets, while providing millions of dollars to the campus annually in support of the State budget recall and other programs. Athletics contribution to campus totaled more than \$6 million in FY05, up from \$3 million - \$4 million a few years ago.
- E. Dr. Yow updated the Council that the scoring structure for the United State Sports Academy (USSA) Director's Cup has been altered in a way that negatively impacts Maryland's opportunity to succeed. Points awarded for sports sponsored by 25% or fewer NCAA Division I institutions have been cut in half, including men's and women's lacrosse and field hockey.
- F. Dr. Yow reported that the Maryland-Navy football game was a great success. She plans to speak with Navy's AD soon about another game in 2010, the next available open date on both teams' schedules.



- G. Dr. Yow distributed an article from the Lawrence Journal-World regarding background checks on prospective student-athletes. Some schools have begun utilizing this process in recent years. Dr. Wellford referred the matter to the Student Life Committee.
- H. Dr. Yow informed the Council that random drug testing of student-athletes has been updated to include an increased number of tests for steroids.
- I. Dr. Yow updated the Council on the department's progress towards expansion of Byrd Stadium over the past year. She noted that any expansion would be 100% privately funded and would not utilize State or University System of Maryland funds.