



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- III. ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORT (Anton Goff)
- IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
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**I. CHAIR REPORT**

- A. NCAA Legislative Process. Dr. Wellford reported that 142 pieces of legislation have been submitted for consideration this year. NCAA membership has until November 28 to respond. Dr. Wellford, Kathy Worthington and members of ICA's compliance staff meet to review the legislation in detail and raise any significant issues with Dr. Yow and President Mote. On December 1, the ACC meets to determine its legislative positions. The spring semester is the time for campus review of specific items, typically at the Council's February meeting. Final vote with the NCAA is April.

**II. DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. Competitive Update. Dr. Yow recognized Field Hockey for its No. 1 national ranking and winning the ACC Championship. Missy Meharg was named ACC Coach of the Year and recorded her 300<sup>th</sup> career win. Freshman Suzie Rowe was name ACC MVP. Men's Soccer won the ACC Regular Season Championship and senior Jason Garey was named ACC Offensive MVP. Volleyball is in the hunt for its third-consecutive ACC title.
- B. Football Violation of Team Rules. Dr. Yow updated the Council regarding the violation of team rules that occurred with football student-athletes on Halloween night. A thorough investigation was conducted by the head coach and Kevin Glover, Director of Character Education. The university legal office, FAR and President's Office were consulted every step of the way. The decision to suspend players was difficult, but the right thing to do for the university, athletics program and team. Dr. Yow distributed a handout detailing ICA's culture and a Baltimore Sun article commending ICA for its handling of the situation.
- C. Rushing Field Articles. Dr. Yow distributed two articles about injuries resulting from students rushing the field. She reminded the Council that ICA invested the funds necessary to install permanent, indestructible goal posts to best prevent injuries from occurring.
- D. Alcohol in College Sports. Dr. Yow distributed an article regarding alcohol advertising in college athletics. Maryland does not serve alcohol in any of its venues, including suites at Comcast Center, and does not permit any on-site alcohol advertising. She noted that there is an increasing national debate on whether alcohol sales and advertising is appropriate in the collegiate environment.
- E. Student-Athlete Code of Conduct. Dr. Yow expressed her concern that the code of conduct treats felonies differently than felony crimes of violence. She asked that the Council revisit this portion of the policy.

### **III. ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORT**

- A. Anton Goff, Assistant AD for ASCDU, reported that the unit now has 16 staff (14 full-time and 2 part-time) and a \$1.1 million operational budget, both highs among ACC institutions.
- B. Anton reported that 376 student-athletes achieved the UM Student-Athlete Honor Roll and 252 were named ACC Scholars (ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league) in 2004-05.
- C. For the 1998 Cohort reported in 2005, Maryland student-athletes graduated at a rate of 70%, including an impressive 79% rate among football student-athletes. Maryland's Exhausted Eligibility Rate was 88% (student-athletes who "stayed and played"). Six teams recorded perfect 100% graduation rates.
- D. All 27 varsity team exceeded the 925 cut score for the Academic Progress Rate (APR).

### **IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Policy on Lottery Advertising. Dr. Wellford reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council maintain its policy that lottery advertising is prohibited as gambling. The Council voted unanimously to maintain the policy.
- B. Qualifiers. The Executive Committee recommended that the Council recommend that the ACC maintain its rule prohibiting non-qualifiers and decide on any waivers on a case-by-case basis. The Council voted unanimously to make the recommendation to the ACC.

### **V. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

- A. Competition During Final Exams. The ACC has been struggling with scheduling for ACC Softball Championships based on the final exam schedules of institutions that sponsor the sport and the start of NCAA Softball Championships. Dr. Sawyer reported that the Academic Committee recommended that the Council recommend that the ACC not permit any championships be scheduled during finals. The Council voted unanimously to make the recommendation to the ACC.

### **VI. UMMS CLINIC**

- A. Darryl Conway, Assistant AD for Sports Medicine, updated the Council that the department is now able to provide consistent physical therapy coverage for student-athletes through its relationship with University of

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Maryland Medical System (UMMS). He also explained that UMMS is working to open an Orthopedic and Physical Therapy Clinic in College Park during the spring semester. UMMS is finalizing the location.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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