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I. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wellford called the meeting to order at 12:10. The Council approved the minutes from its February meeting (the March meeting was cancelled).

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Vice Chair Selection

Dr. Wellford revisited the issue of a new Vice Chair to replace Linda Clement. Having not received any nominations from the Council membership, he nominated Dr. Mary Ann Hoffman, Professor of Counseling and Personnel Services. He noted that she is very involved across campus and that her program was recently ranked #1 in the nation. The Council agreed that Dr. Wellford should recommend to President Mote that Dr. Hoffman be appointed Vice Chair, beginning in 2001-02.

B. 2001-02 Membership Selection

Dr. Wellford revisited the issue of new Council members for 2001-02. Dr. Flack, Dr. Cunniff, Dr. Wrenn, and Dr. Bryant have all completed their service on the Council.

The University Senate will appoint new faculty members, while the President will appoint the new staff member. The Council raised the names Bill Higgins, Bill Walters, Rosemary Blunck, and Ellie Weingarten as potential nominees for the University Senate.

C. Update on Scholarship Utilization by Gender

Dr. Wellford handed out a chart that provides explanations for the underutilization of scholarships by five women's teams in 2000-01. Each team had individual reasons for having scholarships go unused. Dr. Wellford noted that each of the five teams is moving toward full-utilization of scholarships for 2001-02.

Dr. Wellford handed out a second chart that details the FY00 scholarship expenditures. He noted that the biggest discrepancy is in football summer aid, but that all teams are aware that summer aid is available if requested. Dr. Yow noted that the number of football players attending summer school is likely to increase, because Coach Friedgen believes it is effective in helping players stay on track to graduate. She also noted that all coaches at a recent coaches meeting were reminded that summer school aid is available.



D. Mid-Semester Student Athlete Review

Dr. Wellford reported on 3 student athletes who were granted continuing eligibility after the Fall semester (contingent on this review). Two student athletes are doing fine, while the Academic Committee denied continuing eligibility to the third student athlete (coach agreed).

E. Ray Gillian

Ray Gillian is leaving the University to accept a position at John Hopkins University. Rob Waters will represent President Mote beginning with the May 2001 Council meeting.

F. Sports Civility

Dr. Wellford will soon be chairing a committee on sports civility, related to the incidents surrounding the Duke game in February and the subsequent temporary campus initiatives put in place for the last several home games. The University Senate has appointed a variety of faculty, staff, and students to sit on the committee.

President Mote is considering chairing a separate committee that will look at the issue more broadly, as related to the fires and destruction of property that occurred subsequent to Maryland's men's basketball win at Duke in March and again after the team's Final Four loss at the beginning of April. If such a committee is formed, the President would most likely ask the Council to consider issues related exclusively to Cole and Comcast.

Dr. Wellford also brought to the Council's attention a cheer/chant issue at the University of Virginia. UVA's alma mater contains the word "gay", as in happy. Students have recently begun shouting "not gay" when the lyric comes up, in reference to the word's alternate meaning of sexual orientation. Dr. Wellford will update the Council on UVA's actions to attempt to resolve this issue.



III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Sports Civility

Dr. Yow reviewed for the Council the three initiatives the campus undertook in response to the Duke incident. She related that in discussing the initiatives with students, both individually and through the Student Government Association, they are interested in securing the 10 rows in Section Q and the band again playing "Rock & Roll, Part II". These are issues that will be discussed by the committee on sports civility, Chaired by Dr. Wellford. The SGA perspective as a group seems more in tune with the temporary initiatives than do other students.

Dr. Yow also noted that the approximately 4,000 adults at the Final Four chanted the "you suck" lyrics to "Rock & Roll, Part II" when played by the Arizona band, during the Arizona vs. Michigan State game, so the concern is not exclusively related to students.

B. President's Cup

Dr. Yow reported that men's and women's swimming teams swept the President's Cup this year. She noted that the event was extremely positive and very well attended. It was the 5th President's Cup event.

C. Weaver-James-Corrigan

Dr. Yow reported that Maryland had 2 recipients (of 3 nominees) of the Weaver-James-Corrigan Post-graduate Scholarship Award: Brian Kopka, football, and Christian Lewis, soccer.

D. ACC Honor Roll and UM Scholar Athletes

Dr. Yow handed out a chart detailing the dramatic increase in the number of both ACC Honor Roll student athletes and UM Scholar Athletes.

F. Graduation Rates

Dr. Yow handed out a chart detailing student athlete graduation rates from the 1985 – 93 Cohorts. The 1993 Cohort (reported this year) graduated at 61%, up 7% from the 1992 Cohort, and 2% below the 63% graduation rate for the total undergraduate population.



She assured Council members that she remains very focused on this issue, but that it takes a team approach to achieve improvement. Student athletes must hear a consistent message from the head coach, sport supervisor, ASCDU, the Athletic Council, and the ASCDU Policy Oversight Committee.

G. Other Business

Dr. Yow will update the Council on the four student athletes who were arrested in the recent fires. She also reported that two football players were arrested for a nightclub incident and have been suspended from all practices and competitions pending the outcome of their cases. They are, however, still required to attend study table.

IV. DORIS DIXON

Dr. Wellford introduced Doris Dixon, NCAA Director of Federal Relations.

Doris explained to the Council that her role is essentially to have an ongoing discourse with the federal government and generally attempt to keep it out of NCAA affairs. Her office spends a great deal of time monitoring federal and state legislation that impacts intercollegiate athletics.

Title IX issues have been most consistent in the six-year history of her office. However, gambling issues are currently the top priority. The NCAA is fighting a well-publicized battle to make illegal wagering on college athletics in Nevada. The association is also focused on the rising threat of internet gambling.

V. PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COUNSELING RECOMMENDATION

In Ray Gillian's absence, Dr. Wellford revisited the issue of rules pertaining to student athlete contact with agents. Currently, Maryland's rules concerning contact with agents are stricter than the NCAA rules. After much discussion, the Council decided to table the issue and leave Maryland's current policy intact. The Council may revisit the issue at any time.

VI. APPAREL OVERSIGHT

Dr. Wellford explained to the Council that Brian Darmody manages this issue for the campus. At Universities across the nation, there is concern over workers' rights in the production of apparel. Two groups, the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and the Worker's Rights Consortium (WRC), lead the fight for fair labor standards. The WRC is the more radical of the two and the groups do not work well together towards their common goal.



The University of Maryland is a member of the FLA. The University Senate reviewed the issue and determined that the campus is near the top in aggressively pursuing workers rights and will continue to address worker's rights abuse worldwide.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

None

Meeting adjourned at 1:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Lipitz