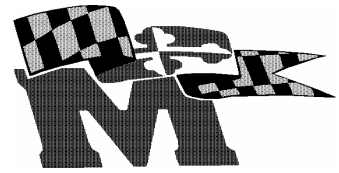


AGENDA

- I. WELCOME & APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES (ENCLOSED)**
- II. CHAIR REPORT**
- III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- IV. PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COUNSELING COMMITTEE
(RAY GILLIAN)**
- V. ADVISING ISSUES FOR STUDENT ATHLETES**
- VI. LEGISLATION UPDATE**
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS**



I. Welcome & Approval of Minutes

Dr. Wellford called the meeting to order at 12:05. The October minutes were approved by the Council (the November meeting was cancelled).

Dr. Wellford took a few minutes to thank Dr. Bud Thomas for his dedicated service on the Athletic Council and commitment to student-athlete welfare over the years. Dr. Thomas is retiring as the Vice President of Student Affairs at the end of the year. Dr. Linda Clement will be replacing Dr. Thomas, moving from her current position of Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

II. Chair Report

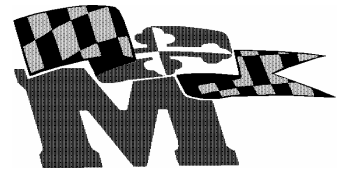
Dr. Wellford reported that President Mote approved the Council's schedule adjustment proposal. The proposal concerned the use of late schedule adjustments in determining continuing eligibility for student-athletes.

Dr. Wellford noted that the ACC will have a tie-in with breast cancer awareness during the ACC Women's Basketball Tournament.

The NCAA Peer-Review Team completed its on-campus visit in November. This was the last active phase of the year-long self-study process for the athletic department and campus. The NCAA Committee on Certification will receive the Peer-Review Team's final report sometime this Spring, and a final decision on certification will likely be rendered in June of 2001.

The NCAA has stepped-up its inquiries into potential impermissible educational expenses for student-athletes. The membership generally considers this to be a first warning by the NCAA that it will increasingly be cracking down on such matters. Dr. Wellford will report on any development in February.

Dr. Wellford raised the issue of qualifying transfer student-athletes who had previously been non-qualifiers. The issue arises in the following circumstance: a student-athlete is a qualifier, then, prior to enrollment, is judged to be a non-qualifier. She then goes to junior college and later transfers to an ACC institution. The question is: is she a JUCO transfer or still a non-qualifier. Currently, such cases are determined on a case-by-case basis. Dr. Wellford posed to the Council whether a hard rule would be better. After discussion, the Council determined that a case-by-case determination is preferable and should continue to be used.



III. Director's Report

Dr. Yow noted that new head football coach Ralph Friedgen has hit the ground running. He has begun assembling his staff and is working hard on the recruiting trail. Dr. Yow also reported the former head coach Ron Vanderlinden is currently considering a number of coaching positions and will very likely settle on a new job soon.

Dr. Yow passed out the new Maryland Life Skills Program booklet. Maryland is now an "official" member of the NCAA's Life Skills Program, having run substantially similar programs on its own over the past five years or so. The booklets have been distributed to all student athletes, coaches, and senior-level administrators.

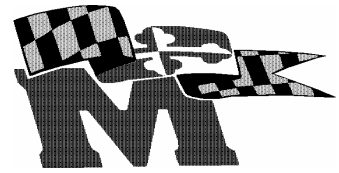
Dr. Yow began a discussion about the scholarship situation at Maryland. She handed out a chart of the 1999-2000 Top-25 Sears Cup schools that compared the number of athletic scholarships each institution offers to the total number of basketball and football seats each institution has to sell. Maryland's ratio of 239 seats per scholarship is the lowest in the Top 25. This demonstrates 1) that Maryland must work diligently to seek out additional revenue sources and 2) how Maryland has overachieved as related to its peers.

Dr. Yow also reported that ICA's Scholarship Committee had met 3 times during the Fall semester to discuss the scholarship situation. The Committee reviewed both fiscal and gender equity issues and its work will benefit the ongoing discussions related to the potential addition of women's sports in order to fully-fund the remaining under-funded men's sports.

Dr. Yow also reported on amateurism deregulation. She handed out a letter from Brian Dillon, Chair of the NCAA Division I SAAC, which states the group's belief that the proposed deregulation legislation is "in the best interests of prospective and enrolled student-athletes." Dr. Yow and Dr. Wellford will continue to update the Council on developments concerning this legislation.

IV. Professional Sports Counseling Committee

Ray Gillian reported to the committee on the regulations governing student-athlete contact with agents. He passed out copies of Maryland's current regulations and noted that the NCAA and Maryland have different rules related to contact with agents. The tentative recommendation of the Committee was to revise Maryland's rules to be in accordance with the NCAA rules. However, the Council will revisit this issue in February before making a final decision.



V. Advising Issues

Dr. Wellford reported that a campus committee, through the Provost Office, is currently discussing issues related to campus-wide graduation rates and advising. He will meet with the committee to offer perspective on how any proposed changes would impact student-athletes. He also asked that the Council, through the Academic Subcommittee, revisit the issue of student-athlete advising.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Lipitz