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I. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wellford called the meeting to order at 12:00. The December minutes were approved by the Council.

Dr. Wellford formally introduced Rob Koonce, Associate Athletic Director for Academic Support and Career Development (ASCDU). Rob comes to Maryland via the University of Pennsylvania, and most recently, Tulane University.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Amateurism Proposals Update

Dr. Wellford reported that the NCAA Management Council would hold a final vote on the amateurism proposals at its next meeting.

The ACC will determine its vote as a conference this month. Per the Athletic Council's previous discussions on these matters, Dr. Wellford will vote as follows:

Pre-Enrollment Proposals

- 1. NO to allow student athletes to compete professionally prior to enrollment.
- 2. YES to allow student athletes to enter the draft and be drafted prior to enrollment (only if there is no agent involvement)
- 3. YES to allow student athletes to sign a contract for athletics participation (only if there is no agent involvement).

Post-Enrollment Proposals

4. YES — to all post-enrollment amateurism proposals, such as engaging in fee-for-lesson employment arrangements, loans based on future potential earnings, and NCAA payment of student athlete disability insurance premiums.

B. Vice Chair Selection

Dr. Wellford informed the Council that Linda Clement is no longer eligible to serve as Vice Chair, due to her recent selection to replace Dr. Bud Thomas as the Vice President for Student Affairs.



Dr. Wellford encouraged Council members to submit to him suggestions for Dr. Clement's replacement. He reminded members that minority nominees are welcome to maintain diversity in Council leadership.

C. Academic Reviews and Appeals

Dr. Wellford provided a brief overview of the review system: Fall 1999 – 5 teams; Spring 2000 – 2 teams; Fall 2000 – 3 teams.

The three teams for the Fall 2000 Semester were football, men's basketball, and women's basketball. Early next week, Dr. Wellford will meet with the coach of each team, Dr. Yow, Dr. Bryer, and Rob Koonce.

Dr. Wellford reported that meetings in the review system thus far have been very positive. The goal of the meetings is to assist the teams and is not meant to be punitive. However, Dr. Wellford asked that the Council to consider what steps to take should a team continually fall short of the review standards.

Dr. Wellford also discussed the 5-year review of the baseball and softball teams. He noted that each team had done very well over the past five years and will report to the Council soon with a full report.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. BUDGET

Dr. Yow first commended Rob Mullens on the current budget, as well as noting the outstanding work of Dennis Helsel and Chris Janush on the various marketing initiatives that will help to balance the current and future athletic budgets.

B. CROWD CONTROL MANAGEMENT

C. CULTURE AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

Dr. Yow began the discussion by relaying to the Council the events surrounding the Duke game. She described, in detail, the post-game behavior of the Maryland student section that was captured by police video. She noted that Curt Callahan, Asst. AD for Facilities and Operations, had 16 additional police on hand and that the police had an "action plan" in preparation for the game.



Dr. Yow reported that she met Monday night with ICA staff, including Coach Williams, University Chief of Staff, Vice President for Student Affairs, and the police. Three initiatives resulted from the meeting for the remainder of the season:

- 1. Rows 1 10 of Section Q were reserved for general public sale to create a more significant buffer between the Maryland student section and the visiting team bench and their respective fans.
- 2. The pre-game paper toss ritual was prohibited.
- 3. The "Rock & Roll, Part II" tune was eliminated as a selection played by the Maryland pep band.

Dr. Yow noted that the majority of support from alums and season ticket holders on this issue has been very positive, while student support has been mixed. She also noted that Coach Williams did not agree with all of the initiatives, particularly the elimination of "Rock & Roll, Part II". His subsequent, public comments have created a very unfortunate dynamic between the student body and the University/ICA administration.

Dr. Yow also reported that she met with the Student Government Association (SGA) on Wednesday night to discuss the initiatives and that the group was very supportive. She noted that a committee of some form would further discuss sportsmanship at athletic events after the basketball season ends and that the Athletic Council should be involved in those discussions.

The Council discussed the three initiatives implemented by the University and Athletic Department. Members voiced opinions both for and against the elimination of "Rock & Roll, Part II". Members also acknowledged the challenge of a perceived splint among the University staff when attempting to manage such issues.

Dr. Wellford moved for the following resolution from the Council: 1) to endorse the three sportsmanship initiatives; 2) to recommend that all ICA employees support the three sportsmanship initiatives; and 3) to request of the President that the Council be involved in the post-season discussions on sportsmanship at athletic events. *The Council voted 9-5 in support of this resolution.*



IV. BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dr. Wrenn presented the FY01 budget to the Council for questions and comments. He noted that it was the 7th consecutive balanced budget during Dr. Yow's tenure as Athletic Director. He was also very complimentary of the openness and cooperation between Dr. Yow and Rob Mullens and the Council throughout the budget process each fiscal year.

V. GENDER EQUITY REPORT

Susan Bayly conducted a basic review of Title IX law for the Council.

She next walked the Council through Maryland's scholarship and participation rates and noted that the women's teams' under-utilization of scholarship allotments is an issue that bares watching. Rob Mullens will provide a summary report on women's teams that fail to use their scholarship allotment at the Council's March meeting.

Susan also provided the Athletic Department's Gender Equity Plan 2000 that resulted from the 2000-01 NCAA Self-Study.

VI. RECOMENDATIONS FROM PROFESSIONAL SPORTS COUNSELING COMMITTEE

Ray Gillian reviewed with the Council the Committee's recommendation that the University policy on agents not be more restrictive that the NCAA policy.

Maryland does not currently permit student athletes to speak to an agent. The Committee's concern is that this is an unenforceable policy, a violation of which could potentially be viewed as a lack of institutional control. Susan Bayly expressed concern a change in the "zero tolerance" policy towards agents could damage the Compliance Office's educational efforts in this regard — that the student athletes would get a mixed message.

Dr. Wellford tabled discussion of this issue until the March meeting.



VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Wellford reported that after much pressure, the NCAA withdrew its request related to Student Release Forms.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:00

Respectfully Submitted, Michael Lipitz