

AGENDA

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I. INTRODUCTION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wellford distributed updated copies of the Council roster and requested that members make any necessary changes to their personal contact information.

II. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dr. Wellford introduced President Mote. Dr. Mote thanked the Council for its service, noting that its members play a key role in the strong working relationship between athletics and academics at Maryland.

Dr. Mote explained that the campus, athletics department and faculty were on the same page during the ACC expansion process. He explained that the conference's options were to stay regional or expand its footprint to best ensure its ability to have a voice at the table on important, national athletics issues. He stated that Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College were the best combination of new schools. Dr. Wellford noted that Commissioner Swofford complimented Dr. Mote on his contributions to the expansion process.

III. ADMISSIONS REPORT

Barbara Gill distributed copies of the admissions report for 1998 through 2003. She reviewed for the Council the three admissions categories: regular admit, admit by review and individual admit.

She then took the Council through the 2003 admissions data and noted that Individual Admits in this class were the first to go through the University's new STEP (summer bridge) program. She also provided progress towards degree data, by admissions category, on student-athletes who enrolled in Fall 1998.

IV. CHAIR REPORT

Dr. Wellford distributed draft copies of the policy on the use of the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF). The fund is provided through revenues from the new NCAA men's basketball television contract. Maryland's share is \$141,000 for 2003-04. The fund is not need-based and its use must provide a direct benefit to student-athletes. The Council will vote to approve the policy at its next meeting.

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V. DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Yow introduced Val Sheley to the Council. Val is the Interim Director of Academic Support and Career Development (ASCDU) and comes to Maryland from the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Yow reported that NBC recently produced a very positive 2-3 minute feature on women's competitive cheerleading at Maryland. In addition, the NCAA news will feature an article on the team in a weekly issue in November.

Dr. Yow requested that the Council consider the issue of drug testing and results notification. Currently, the athletic director, sport supervisors and coaches are not notified of a first positive drug test. They are only notified upon a second positive drug test. Dr. Yow requested that the Council consider changing the policy to permit notification of a first positive test so that administrators and coaches can lend assistance at the earliest possible time.

Dr. Yow reported on Fall semester competitive results to date: Men's Soccer is ranked #2, Field Hockey is ranked #4, Women's Soccer ranked #19 and Football is ranked #31. The volleyball team also received votes in the latest ranking.

Dr. Yow explained that Midnight Madness would again be a ticketed event this year. In 2000-01, the last season in Cole Field House, student responded violently when the fire marshal instructed that the arena doors be closed since capacity reached for the event. Thereafter, the campus and campus police indicated that athletics must ticket the event to better ensure crowd control. As the event is primarily for students, 11,000 tickets are reserved for students. The ticket office will over-distribute tickets up to 19,500 (the fire marshal capacity for Comcast) to best ensure a full house.

Dr. Yow noted that she will chair the ACC Television Committee this year. She and Commissioner Swofford will begin negotiations regarding the ACC football contract with ABC. The goal is to have the football TV contract provide enough revenue to keep each ACC institution financially whole following the league's expansion to 12 schools.

Dr. Yow reported that Pat Santoro had been hired as Maryland's new head wrestling coach. Coach Santoro comes to Maryland from Lehigh University, where he was the 2003 National Assistant Coach of the Year.

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Dr. Yow distributed copies of the athletic department's response to the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) document: "Framework for Intercollegiate Athletics Reform." The response was prepared by multiple members of the athletics senior staff and addresses each of the 32 recommendations made by the COIA steering committee.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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