



AGENDA

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(Dr. Wellford) – *Please review and be prepared to discuss attached information.*
- VI. OTHER BUSINESS

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I. INTRODUCTIONS & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes from its September meeting.

II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Midnight Madness

Dr. Yow reported that student ticket distribution went very well for Midnight Madness. TicketReturn, a Charlotte, NC based company, is partnering with Athletics to deliver a web-based ticketing solution for students. It alleviates the "camp outs" and long lines associated with the first-come, first-serve distribution model that was previously used to distribute student tickets.

Michael Lipitz explained that the fifteen students who developed the new policy made "loyalty", as measured by attendance at football and men's basketball throughout each season, a central focus. Students will earn one "loyalty point" for games where students pick up their entire allotment of tickets, and two "loyalty points" for games where students do not pick up their entire allotment of tickets. The higher a student's points, the more likely it is that the student will be selected to receive a ticket to a game where more students request tickets than there are tickets available.

Some Council members noted that students who are away from campus during the fall semester (study abroad, co-op, etc.). Dr. Yow pointed out that the students who developed the policy will reconvene following the 2002-03 basketball season to discuss how the new system worked in its first year, and make adjustments as necessary.

B. Maryland vs. NC State Football Game

Dr. Yow noted that the Homecoming game versus NC State, currently scheduled for 1 PM is likely to be picked up by TV and moved. The new game time will be announced as soon as Athletics is informed of the time change.

C. ASCDU Satellite Unit

Dr. Yow reported that the ASCDU satellite unit in the Gossett Football Team House (GFTH) is nearly complete. It is a terrific space for football student-athletes, complete with study and tutor rooms, computer stations and group study areas. The 7,000 square foot ASCDU unit in the



Comcast Center serves the academic support needs of Maryland other teams.

Dr. Yow noted that an academic satellite unit could lead to issues without the proper individuals in charge and the proper reporting lines and communication channels. She is open to the FAR, ASCDU Policy Oversight Committee and Dr. Bryer holding occasional meetings in the GFTH to provide opportunities for more interaction.

Dr. Wellford will ask the ASCDU Policy Oversight Committee to discuss Dr. Yow's idea.

D. Field Hockey

Dr. Yow reported that Maryland Field Hockey is ranked #1 in the nation, even though the team has 10 freshmen making significant contributions. Coach Meharg has signed a contract extension and Dr. Yow believes that she is on the verge of building a dynasty; similar to what Coach Timchal has done with women's lacrosse.

E. Budget

Dr. Yow reported that ICA is prepared for the budget recall and will likely find out what athletics' share will be after the November elections. She noted that while it is illegal in Maryland for athletics to accept State funds for its operations, ICA would participate in the budget recall to assist the University in best protecting its core academic units.

Dr. Wellford commented that no other ACC athletic program is required to give back to its state budget recall.

F. Coach Williams Contract

Dr. Yow reported that Coach Williams' new contract is nearly complete. It is a good agreement and should keep him here for the remainder of his coaching career.

G. Navy Football Game

Dr. Yow reported that ICA is close to a deal to play Navy in football at either the Ravens or Redskins stadium. She noted that it will be a very popular game in the state and that it is likely to be a one-time game and not an ongoing series.



H. Sports Illustrated

Dr. Yow reported that Maryland was ranked #24 in a recent Sports Illustrated ranking of intercollegiate athletics programs. The rankings looked at factors such as breadth of program, facilities, fan support, win/loss record, etc.

III. CHAIR REPORT

A. Academic Reform Proposals

Dr. Wellford distributed a chart of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Management Council's suggested timeline for review of academic reform proposals.

Continuing Eligibility – recommendation to move from the current 25/50/75 rule to a 40/60/80 rule. Dr. Wellford noted that this is likely to pass.

Initial Eligibility – recommendation to move to a full sliding scale for SAT/GPA. Dr. Wellford noted that Maryland and the ACC oppose the move to the full sliding scale, but that it is likely to pass. In addition, the proposal to raise the required number of CORE courses from 13 to 14 is likely to pass.

Graduation Rate Calculation – recommendations on changes to how graduation rates are calculated are forthcoming. They will likely take into account transfers and student athletes who leave institutions in good academic standing.

Incentives – recommendations to tie incentives to graduation rates are varied. Dr. Wellford reported that the most popular proposal is actually a disincentive -- a team graduation rate of 50% or lower would result in a ban from post-season competition for that team.

Student Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF) - The Board must determine by February 2003 what to do with the funds from the NCAA basketball TV contract that have been earmarked for student athletes via the SAOF. \$17 million will be available beginning in 2003, an amount that will grow 13% a year through the life of the TV contract.

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Dr. Wellford reported that discussion of how to deliver this money to student athletes focuses on two primary paths -- direct vs. indirect payment:

Direct payment – e.g. cash payments to student athletes. Proposals ranging from \$350 - \$924 per scholarship student athlete on an annual basis.

Indirect payment – e.g. provide student athletes with year-round medical insurance or go towards covering the true cost of attendance.

Council members appeared unanimously opposed to the concept of direct payments to student athletes. They stated that student athletes are amateur athletes and should not be paid, and also expressed concerns about the effects of paying scholarship student athletes, but not non-scholarship student athletes.

Dr. Wellford noted that student athletes on the Maryland and ACC Student Athlete Advisory Councils also oppose the concept of direct payment.

B. Time Demands

Dr. Wellford distributed copies of the “Report of the ACC Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Council of Presidents’ Call for a Review of Student-Athlete Welfare Issues.” The report explores policy options to enhance the Division I student athlete experience, including:

- (1) Voluntary Workouts
- (2) Nontraditional Seasons
- (3) Length of Seasons
- (4) 20-hour Rule
- (5) “Running Off” of Student Athletes
- (6) Cost of Attendance
- (7) Health Care
- (8) Supplemental Financial Aid from Outside Sources
- (9) National Letter of Intent
- (10) Hazing

Dr. Wellford reported that discussion is primarily focused on the time that student athletes dedicate to their athletic pursuits versus academic and social/cultural activities. He noted that studies have shown the national

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average for time spent on athletics to be 31 hours per week, rather than 20 hours per week. The committee focused on proposals that would reduce or even eliminate non-traditional seasons.

Dr. Wellford noted that there is little support for such proposals from student athletes and coaches. He asked that an ad hoc committee of faculty, coaches, student athletes and athletic staff meet to discuss these issues and report back to the Council in February.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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