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I. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wellford introduced new Council members Chris Ade, SGA Representative, and Rosita Melbourne, Women's Basketball student-athlete.

The Council approved the September minutes.

II. CHAIR REPORT

A. Sportsmanship

Dr. Wellford handed out the Sportsmanship Committee's draft "Statement on Maryland Sportsmanship". He reported that there was not a great deal of participation during the Committee's open forums and that much of the discussion centered on "Rock & Roll, Part 2".

Council members wishing to comment on the draft statement should provide their comments to Dr. Wellford by October 30th, when the statement and recommendations on bonfires, student seating, etc. will be provided to Dr. Mote.

B. Equity Conference Working Group

Dr. Wellford reported that 3 issues arose: 1) academic issues (graduation rates, academic support unit reporting lines, etc.), 2) playing and practice schedules, and 3) the financial future of Div. 1-A athletics.

Concerning academic issues, the working group had a good discussion on graduations rates and agreed that institutions should determine their own academic support unit reporting lines (e.g. athletics, academics, or joint). The working group next meets on November 7th and Dr. Wellford will again update the Council.

C. Meeting with SAAC and Coaches

Dr. Wellford reported that he meet with SAAC during its September meeting and had a good discussions concerning the role of the Athletic Council and the work of the Sportsmanship Committee. He noted that a majority of student athletes on SAAC were in favor of "Rock & Roll, Part 2".

Dr. Wellford also spoke at the September Coaches Meeting and briefed them on the work of the Athletic Council and Sportsmanship Committee.



III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Terrapin Traditions

Dr. Yow informed the Council of the athletics department's "Terrapin Traditions" initiative, which celebrates the rich history and promising future of Maryland basketball. The official slogan of Terrapin Traditions is: "Honoring Our Past & Celebrating Our Future".

Dr. Yow handed out the list of commemorative offerings that will be rolled-out in November and December. The athletics department will incur \$100,000 – 150,000 of unbudgeted expenses as a result of the initiative.

B. Union Article

Dr. Yow handed out an article on the possibility of student-athletes organizing as a union. She noted that there are generally two extreme views on this topic among student-athletes: a) those who are thankful for the opportunity to compete and have their education paid for, and b) those who wish to be paid.

C. Maryland Band at Georgia Tech

Dr. Yow informed the Council about an incident involving the Maryland Band following Maryland's Thursday night football game at Georgia Tech on October 11th. The band filed a police report at the urging of the athletics department after band members reported being verbally and physically assaulted by Georgia Tech fans and students as they exited the stadium.

Dr. Yow commented that the athletics director and president of Georgia Tech were very cooperative and she fully expects compensation for damages and a formal apology upon the completion of their investigations.

D. Post-UVA Usher Incident

Dr. Yow reported that a few ushers had used unnecessary force when students came onto the football field following Maryland's recent victory over Virginia. She met with Lenny Lambert the day after the game. Mr. Lambert is a Maryland graduate and a Regional Supervisor for Contemporary Services. He had already fired two ushers and assured Dr. Yow that his staff understand that they are not to put their hands on students at Maryland athletics events.



E. Bowl Finances

Dr. Yow provided the Council with an accurate picture of football bowl finances. She reported that the department has not yet made its football budget for the year and that any bowl game does not mean more revenue for the department because the ACC splits bowl revenue equally. She noted that the department's goal would be to not spend more than the expense allotment it receives for participation in a bowl game.

F. ICA 7-Year Results

Dr. Yow handed out ICA's 7-Year Results to provide the Council with an overview of the department's accomplishments during her tenure as athletics director.

G. Baltimore Sun Article – Men's Lacrosse

Dr. Yow reported that the Baltimore Sun had published an article concerning the hiring of Dave Cottle as the new men's lacrosse coach. She commented that while the team did initially react unfavorably to the announcement of Coach Cottle as their new head coach, they have since put the issue behind them.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Wellford handed out the Executive Committee's proposed revisions to portion of the Athletic Council Policy Manual that deals with criminal charges, convictions, and violations of the University's Code of Conduct and Academic Integrity. He reviewed the changes (in bold) and solicited comments. The proposed revisions add "serious drug offenses" to the same category as serious crimes of violence and direct that student-athletes charged with such offenses be withheld from practice as well as competition.

V. REVIEW OF MEDICAL SERVICES (Sandy Worth)

Sandy Worth, Head Athletic Trainer, presented to the Council an overview of the services that the Sports Medicine Unit provides to student-athletes. She noted that there are 7 full-time staff and 16 student/intern trainers that service over 600 student-athletes competing in 25 varsity sports. She handed out and discussed staffing guidelines that detailed practice and home event coverage, physicals, medical insurance, etc. She also reviewed the sportsmedicine staff's heat plan.



VI. REVIEW OF DRUG TESTING PROGRAM (Dr. Bodison)

Dr. Sacred Bodison reviewed the athletics department's drug testing program for the Council. She discussed sanctions, counseling, and testing procedures, and reviewed test results from September 1997 to May 2001.

VII. KNIGHT COMMISSION REPORT

Dr. Wellford tabled discussion of the Knight Commission Report until the November meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Michael Lipitz*