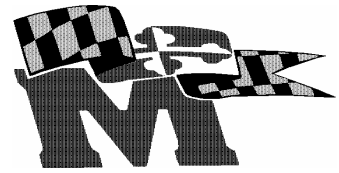


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 - B. Student Athlete Code of Conduct
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I. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wellford introduce Jeff Dugan, Football, as a new student-athlete representative on the Council. The November minutes were approved.

II. CHAIR REPORT

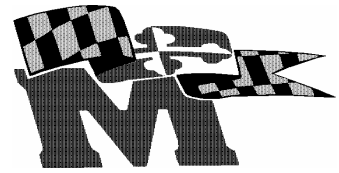
A. ACC Sportsmanship

Dr. Wellford reported that ACC Commissioner John Swofford recently sent a letter to men's basketball coaches and officials regarding sportsmanship. It focused primarily on sideline behavior and language.

B. University Sportsmanship Committee

Dr. Wellford distributed the Sportsmanship Committee's final report and Dr. Mote's acceptance of it. He then summarized the highlights of the report:

1. Expectations: campus must establish more definitive expectations for fan behavior; this includes making fans aware of their responsibilities during athletic events.
2. Throwing Objects: throwing of any objects at athletic events be banned and those engaging in such activity be removed and subject to appropriate action/discipline.
3. Signs and Clothing: though some signs and clothing are offensive, First Amendment rights preclude the prohibition of signs and clothing; except that signs cannot interfere with the viewing or safety of other spectators.
4. Student Seating: recommended process whereby the first five (5) rows of student seating are awarded to approved university student groups in a lottery system; this process will continue in the Comcast Center.
5. Sportsmanship Pledge: though a reasonable idea, a logistical difficulty that is likely to have minimal impact.
6. Crowd Surveillance: develop a plan and budget for improved video surveillance at game in the Comcast Center.



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7. Bonfires: only bonfires that are approved under current university policy are permitted (no “spontaneous” bonfires).
 8. Post-Game Activities: while fireworks, concerts, etc. were discussed as post-game alternatives to bonfires, the no particular alternative was recommended by the Committee.
 9. Code of Conduct and Off-Campus Behavior: recommended that the Student Code of Conduct be extended to include off-campus conduct and misdemeanor convictions.
 10. Rock & Roll, Part II: recommended having the Maryland Band continue to play the song once each half at basketball and football games.

Dr. Wellford informed the Council that its Executive Committee would be responsible for implementing and monitoring the sportsmanship initiatives. Language to this effect will be added to the Council’s Charter.

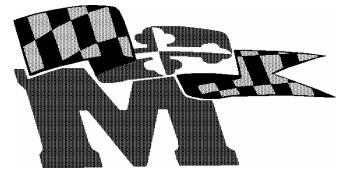
The Council discussed the issue of the Maryland Band playing Rock & Roll, Part II at away games. The Council unanimously recommended that the song not being played at away games.

C. Student-Athlete Code of Conduct

Dr. Wellford revisited the issue of modifying the Code of Conduct to include “serious drug offense” (distribution, manufacture, sale, etc.) and to add immediate suspension from “practice”, as well as playing privileges. The Council unanimously recommended these modifications to President Mote.

D. Bowl Game Participation

Dr. Wellford instructed the Academic Committee to review current policies on student-athlete eligibility for football bowl games and report back at the February meeting.



E. Equity Conference Working Group

Dr. Wellford reported that the working group developed the following recommendations:

1. Maintain current initial eligibility standards.
2. Increase number of Core courses from 13 to 17.
3. Introduce a “seamless” model of eligibility (would set GPA and credit requirements from freshman through senior years, rather than the current model that begins only in junior year. (Dr. Wellford reminded that Council that Maryland currently has an eligibility policy in place with requirements for all four years.)
4. New calculations for graduation rates that account for student-athletes who leave an institution in good academic standing.

Concerning initial eligibility, the Council discussed the merits of using so-called “cut-scores” versus a “linear” model, but did not reach a recommendation as to which is preferred.

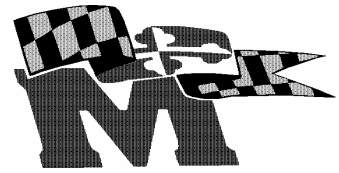
F. Alcohol at the Comcast Center

Although the majority of Division I-A institutions permit alcohol in suites and boxes, including all ACC institutions, the Council unanimously recommended to President Mote that alcohol not be allowed in any part of the Comcast Center for any intercollegiate event or any other event that primarily involves students.

III. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

A. Competitive Update

1. Field Hockey – finished 2nd in NCAA Tournament, with an overall record of 20-4.
2. Women’s Soccer – advanced to NCAA Tournament 2nd Round.
3. Men’s Soccer – advanced to NCAA Tournament 1st Round.
4. Football – ACC Champions, qualified for BCS Bowl.
5. Volleyball – reached semi-finals of ACC Tournament, with an overall record of 12-14



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6. Women's Cross-Country – finished 8th at ACC Championships, won the Maryland Invitational.
 7. Men's Cross-Country – finished 9th at ACC Championships, placed 2nd at Maryland Invitational.
 8. Men's Golf – posted four top-5 team finishes
 9. Women's Golf – finished 5th at Lady Pirate Fall Tournament

B. Academic Update

Teams preparing for fall semester final exams.

C. Bowl Update

Dr. Yow reiterated that Maryland has qualified for a BCS Bowl by virtue of winning the ACC. It is likely that the Terps will go to either the Orange Bowl in Miami or the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

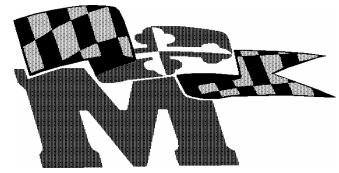
Dr. Yow informed the Council that Coach Friedgen was named ESPN National Coach of the Year, Associate Press (AP) Coach of the Year, and ACC Coach of the Year.

Additionally, EJ Henderson was named ACC Player of the Year and ACC Defensive Player of the Year, Bruce Perry was name ACC Offensive Player of the Year, and Matt Crawford won the ACC Brian Piccolo Award (comeback player of the year).

D. Diamondback Article

Dr. Yow informed the Council that Curt Callahan, Assistant Athletics Director for Facilities and Operations, authored a recent letter to the editor in the Diamondback. The letter expressed genuine concern for the safety of our students at athletics events and disappointment over the deterioration in student behavior in recent years. Curt is a Maryland graduate, former wrestler, and nearly 30-year veteran in the facility management field.

Dr. Yow also distributed a recent Washington Post article on Texas Tech Coach Bob Knight.



IV. PLAYING & PRACTICE

Jane Mullens reviewed the basics of NCAA practice and playing regulations. She noted that student-athletes are not permitted to participate in athletics more than 4 hours per day or 20 hours per week, with at least one day off each week. There is also an 8-hour limit on conditioning and weight training per week.

She noted that voluntary workouts are consistently an area of concern among student-athletes nation-wide. The issue revolves around whether the workouts are truly "voluntary" or whether student-athletes feel pressured to participate.

V. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Bryer updated the Council on mid-semester academic appeals and noted that academic success has generally followed competitive success during the Fall 2001 Semester.

He noted that the issue of study table hours has come up once again in the form of a proposal to reduce study table hours for upperclassmen with good GPAs. Rob Koonce, Associate Director of Athletics for ASCDU, commented that such requests are determined on a case-by-case basis.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Lipitz