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I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wellford introduced Cynthia Martin, who will represent the University Senate on the Council.

The December minutes were approved.

II. GENDER EQUITY REPORT

Dr. Wellford stated that each year at its February meeting the Council reviews the athletic program's compliance with Federal Title IX guidelines.

Susan Bayly provided the Council with a Title IX compliance summary. She also reviewed Maryland's history of sport expansion, including the additions of women's water polo and competitive cheerleading in the fall of 2003. She noted that Maryland is among the best in the nation at providing support and opportunities for female athletes.

Susan reviewed Maryland's participation and scholarship ratios. Maryland's participation ratio (disparity between female undergraduate enrollment and athletic participation) is projected to be 0.7% for FY04, while its scholarship ratio (disparity between female athletic participation and female scholarship expenditures) is projected at -0.9%. The scholarship ratio is within the 1% allowable variance established by the Office of Civil Rights.

The Council motion to commend the Athletics Department on its success in achieving gender equity passed unanimously.

III. HOSTING OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES

Dave Haglund distributed the athletic department's recruiting rules for prospects and their student hosts. He explained that the Student-Athlete Host Instructions and the Prospect's Declaration Form have each been strengthened to more specifically detail examples of appropriate and inappropriate entertainment during recruiting visits. Dr. Yow noted that coaches and student-athlete hosts are accountable for the experience of prospective student-athletes during their official visits.

Dr. Wellford noted that hosting of prospective student-athletes is also on the agenda for ACC spring meetings.

IV. SEAT ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Joe Hull explained that a triennial seat adjustment was adopted in May of 1999 as part of the original seating plan for the Comcast Center. The four goals of the plan and process are as follows:

- (1) To treat all Terpoint Donor season ticket holders fairly by establishing a plan that applies the same rules and guidelines to all.
- (2) To best ensure that Terpoint Donor seat assignments in the Comcast Center continue to be reflective of the loyalty, longevity and generosity of individual Terrapin club members, as measured by the objective Terpoint priority system that was approved by the Terrapin Club Board of Directors.
- (3) To enable the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics to fund the annual scholarship bill and other student-athlete priorities through gifts to the Terrapin Club.
- (4) To establish a process that can be clearly communicated to Terrapin Club members and reasonably managed by staff.

Joe reviewed the Faculty and Staff Terpoint Donor draft proposal in detail. Council members discussed the balance between rewarding the loyalty and the generosity of faculty and staff. Joe explained that the Terpoint priority system approved by the Terrapin Club Board rewards loyalty and longevity extremely well and better than similar systems at other institutions.

V. BUDGET REPORT

Randy Eaton, Larry Leckonby and Dr. Gold reviewed athletics' projected revenues and expenses for FY04. They reported that the department is on track to balance its tenth-consecutive operating budget.

Larry explained that the \$51 million inherited debt has been paid down to \$13 million. He also noted that athletics will generate approximately \$13.4 million in direct revenues in FY04 to the City of College Park and the University.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. COIA

Dr. Wellford explained that the Executive Committee will report to the Council on the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics at its March meeting.

B. SGA Proposal

Dr. Wellford reported that the Executive Committee unanimously recommends that student seating in the five rows immediately behind the visiting team bench continue to be distributed to student groups. He noted that he will meet with Dr. Clement and Marsha Guenzler-Stevens to discuss tightening the process by which these seats are allocated to student groups.

C. Eligibility Appeals

Dr. Wellford reported that six appeals that heard and all were approved.

D. Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship Award

Dr. Wellford reported that Maryland had two winners this year: Sara Silvetti (Field Hockey) and Emily Marker (Tennis).

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Sportsmanship Initiatives

Dr. Yow noted that she will provide to the Council at its March meeting the list of sportsmanship initiatives pursued by athletics and other part of the campus community over the past six to seven years.

B. Women's Basketball vs. Duke

Dr. Yow reported that more than 8,000 fans are expected to attend the upcoming women's basketball game against Duke, which will be televised by ESPN.