

## **AGENDA**

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## I. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wellford introduced Terry Roach of the President's Legal Office, who will fill in for Susan Bayly during her tenure in the Governor's Office. Lisa Peterson, Athletics Business Manager, was also introduced to the Council and assisted Rob Mullens with the presentation of ICA's annual budget.

The Council approved the November minutes (the December meeting was cancelled).

#### II. CHAIR'S REPORT

#### A. Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship Award

Dr. Wellford announced that Maryland student-athletes won three Weaver-James-Corrigan Post Graduate Scholarships: Gillian Cote (Gymnastics), Carla Tagliente (Field Hockey), and Jennifer Potzman (Softball).

#### **B.** Knight Commission

Dr. Wellford handed out a summary of key issues discussed by the Knight Commission. The UNC Faculty Senate passed a number of resolutions that follow the recommendations of the Knight Commission. As an example, they voted to prohibit Thursday night football games at UNC. Maryland's position has been to offer to host one Thursday night football game every other year. The Campus Affairs Committee of Maryland's University Senate will meet soon on this issue.

## C. ACC Presidential Training Program

The ACC is moving forward with plans for new president's at member institutions to attend an athletic-issues training seminar.

### D. Faculty Allegations

Dr. Wellford informed the Council that it was reported that a professor had allegedly been giving inappropriate grades to student-athletes. Dr. Wellford reviewed the allegation and is confident that the evidence refuted it.

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#### E. Stadium Fly-overs

Following the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, the FAA has regulations prohibiting stadium fly-overs. Groups opposing the new regulations have requested the Council's comments. Terry Roach is currently reviewing the issue on behalf of the Council.

#### **III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### A. Sportsmanship Article

Dr. Yow handed out an article from the Detroit Free Press concerning the University of Michigan's attempts at controlling fan behavior at ice hockey games.

#### **B. Gender Equity Article**

Dr. Yow handed out an article from the Atlanta Journal Constitution concerning the effects of Title IX on men's non-revenue teams.

#### C. NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

Dr. Yow discussed the tournaments new initiative towards "regionalization", where the Selection Committee would make attempts to limit travel in the aftermath of September 11<sup>th</sup> and to decrease post-season expenditures.

While many teams may now be playing closer to home, the NCAA failed to simultaneously change its policy of awarding only 450 tickets per institution for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Round games. For Maryland, this could mean playing at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., with only 450 tickets to meet the ticket needs of the coaching staff, players, athletic department staff, President's Office, University faculty and staff, Terrapin Club, students, alumni, etc.

Despite the extremely limited number of tickets, Dr. Yow reported that the athletic department would offer 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Round tickets to students for the first time ever.

#### D. Maryland Honor Roll

Dr. Yow reported that an all-time high of 232 Maryland student-athletes achieved the Maryland Honor Roll, which requires a minimum 3.0 GPA.

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#### E. Gossett Football Team House Expansion

Dr. Yow informed the Council of plans to enhance the GFTH in a number of areas. One of the biggest changes will be a significantly improved academic support satellite unit, as ASCDU's primary offices will relocate to the Comcast Center this fall. Additionally, the building will eventually feature an all-purpose room for dining, hosting of prospective student-athletes, etc., and a teaching auditorium that can accommodate the entire team.

#### F. Comcast Center Update

Dr. Yow stated that the project is currently on-schedule and under budget. The Athletic Council is scheduled for a tour in April.

#### G. Maryland vs. Virginia Student Ticket Distribution

Dr. Yow distributed guidelines and an overview of the upcoming student ticket distribution for the Virginia men's basketball home game. There will be a significantly increased security and monitoring presence to assist in maintaining order in the line and to answer questions, including: 20 police officers, 6 police aides, 30 CSC staff (ushers), and 10 volunteer, SGA members (this compares to a total of 4 officers and 4 aides for any previous, high-profile ticket distribution). The primary concerns are to distribute tickets in a safe and fair manner.

#### IV. GENDER EQUITY REPORT

Susan Bayly provided the Council with an overview and background on Title IX regulations. She stated that Maryland has come a long way in recent years towards strict compliance with Title IX. She also noted that, when compared to its athletic and academic peers, Maryland is one of the nations best.

Maryland's participation ratio (disparity between female undergraduate enrollment and athletic participation) is projected to be -1.0% for FY02, while its scholarship ratio (disparity between female athletic participation and female scholarship expenditures) is projected at +0.6%.

#### V. BUDGET COMMITTEE

Dr. Wrenn distributed Maryland's budget projections for FY02 and reminded the Council that all budget information is strictly confidential. Accordingly, all budget materials will be collected at the conclusion of the meeting.

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He explained that the Council's Finance Committee reviews each proposed annual budget and the Council makes a recommendation to the President. The athletic department also provides the Council with a mid-year progress report on the budget.

Rob Mullens walked the Council through the detailed notes on expenses and revenues.

#### VI. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Dr. Bryer reported that the Committee heard only 2 eligibility appeals following the Fall Semester, significantly fewer than in previous semesters. He commended Rob Koonce and the ASCDU staff for positively impacting Maryland's student-athletes.

Dr. Bryer also noted that the Committee will be reviewing the current policy that permits ineligible students to continue practicing, but not competing. He and Dr. Wellford plan to attend a future Coaches Meeting to discuss the issue further.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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