

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Dr. Wellford)
- II. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- IV. REPORT ON STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE  
(Kathy Fueston)
- V. DRUG TESTING POLICY (Mary Ann Hoffman)
- VI. COIA (Dr. Wellford)
- VII. SPRING SEMESTER ACADEMIC REVIEWS (Dr. Wellford)
- VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Dr. Wellford)
- IX. SEAT ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- X. OTHER BUSINESS

---

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The February minutes were approved.

**II. CHAIR REPORT**

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

Dr. Wellford reported that one of our postgraduate scholarship award winners was not eligible to be nominated. It was determined that the student-athlete is permitted to receive the scholarship this year, however must maintain the minimum requirement of a 3.2 GPA through her senior year. Maryland has imposed a penalty upon ourselves limiting the number of nominations for next year to two. The ACC did not feel this was necessary, but the penalty will stay in place.

**B. Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund**

Dr. Wellford reported that the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund is up and running. Jackie Campbell has produced a form that student-athletes complete to request funds. Jackie and Dr. Wellford review each application to ensure that the request is compliant with all Maryland and NCAA rules. Applications have been coming in for many worthwhile things such as LSAT and graduate school fees, taxes for international students, travel, and clothes for job interviews. The total amount of money distributed was not available.

**III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Yow introduced Kevin Glover, who has been named the Director of Character Education. Kevin will work closely with the agent's panel, coordinate character education efforts concerning various social issues, and will serve as a mentor to all student-athletes.

**A. Sportsmanship Summit of 2003/Report**

Dr. Yow distributed the report on sportsmanship and fan behavior summit that took place on February 20, 2003 in Dallas, Texas.

**B. Competitive Cheer**

Dr. Yow distributed articles from the Baltimore Sun and New York Times concerning Maryland's addition of competitive cheerleading as a varsity sport. Dr. Yow was approached by NCAA liaison from the NCAA Committee on

---

Women's Issues requesting more information about the addition of competitive cheerleading as a varsity sport to examine if they should consider it as an emerging sport. Competitive Cheerleading won 4 competitions and finished 7<sup>th</sup> at its national championship in its inaugural varsity season.

### **C. AFCA Survey Results/College Majors for Football Players**

Dr. Yow distributed materials that showed a comparison between the majors of football players at Maryland with football players at other institutions. Dr. Yow noted that while Maryland has a significantly higher percentage of football players that are undecided on their major it is probably due to the high number of LEP students. Dr. Wellford requested that in the future percentages be presented as to the major distribution of all University of Maryland students.

## **IV. REPORT ON STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

Kathy Fueston presented a report on academic performance of Maryland student-athletes. Teams reviewed were football, men's basketball, men's Olympic sports, women's basketball, and women's Olympic sports. Dr. Yow noted that GPA numbers only include student-athletes who are on scholarship. The Council asked for additional information including graduation numbers that reflect student-athletes who receive their degree after the six year window and GPA numbers at the time of graduation.

## **V. DRUG TESTING POLICY**

Dr. Mary Ann Hoffman reported on the Student Life Committee's meeting with student-athletes and coaches concerning the notification policy for first time positives under the drug policy. Dr. Yow and the coaches were extremely supportive of being informed after the first positive test. Student-athletes were supportive of this idea, but wanted to ensure that the notification does not result in punishment, but rather intervention.

The Student Life Committee recommended a change in policy, so that the athletic director and coaches were informed after a first time positive. Several council members expressed concern over the wording of the addition, whether it should be specific as to who will be notified or be stated in general terms. Additional concerns were expressed regarding wording that was used in the drug policy. It was agreed that no recommendation could be considered until the drug policy was reviewed in its entirety.

---

**VI. COIA**

Dr. Wellford reported that the Executive Committee has decided to recommend that the University not join COIA. The Executive Committee had concerns regarding the lack of organization, the lack of perceived interest by other schools, and the openly hostile attitudes some of COIA's leadership have expressed towards athletics.

Joel Cohen spoke in favor of the senate joining COIA. He thought it would be beneficial for Maryland to be represented.

The Council approved unanimously the recommendation not to join COIA.

**VII. SPRING SEMESTER ACADEMIC REVIEWS**

Academic reviews are currently taking place for Football, Men's Basketball, Wrestling, Men's Swimming, Men's Tennis, and Golf. Reviews include meeting with Coaches, Academic Advisors, and Sports Supervisors.

**VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Nothing new was reported.

**IX. SEAT ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dr. Wellford reported on the final recommendation that the committee is making to the Athletic Department. The main goal was to balance loyalty and donations. The committee decided to establish a threshold on Terpoints that existing season ticket holders must reach to maintain their status as season ticket holders. The number will be determined by taking the median number of Terpoints of members on the waiting list for men's basketball season tickets. Current season ticket holders will be made aware of the number in June 2004 and will have 1 year to reach that level, as seats will be adjusted in June 2005.

A similar threshold will be established for the distribution of seats to faculty and staff. This number has not yet been established, but will be based on the number of Terpoints one has. Information will be distributed in June 2004, so that faculty and staff are aware what commitments they need to make. Council members suggested that potential problems may arise as faculty and staff members may assume that in order to secure seats that all they need to do is join the Terrapin Club. Dr. Wellford indicated that this point will be made clear in all materials.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Men's Soccer Head Coach Sasho Cirovski requested a foreign training trip for his team in August of 2004. This will be the team's first foreign trip since 1998 and will provide his team with extra training and a cultural experience.

Coach Cirovski stated that the cost per student-athlete will be \$2,000. Each student-athlete will be asked to provide \$600, while the rest of the balance will be paid for through fundraising from private contributions provided to "the friends of men's soccer" account.

Coach Cirovski was advised of pending NCAA legislation that may eliminate foreign trips and was told that Maryland will abide by any rules handed down.

The Council unanimously approved the trip.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Bowles  
Athletics Administration Intern