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I. INTRODUCTIONS (Dr. Wellford)

Dr. Wellford welcomed Council members and thanked them for agreeing to serve for the 2003-04 academic year.

II. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)

Dr. Wellford reported that the ACC has added Virginia Tech and Miami. The ACC Constitution will be revised and Athletic Directors and FARs are currently reviewing scheduling options, with an eye towards student-athlete welfare.

Dr. Wellford distributed gender equity data reported in the Chronicle of Higher Education. He noted that Maryland is doing very well in all areas.

Dr. Wellford explained that the ACC's Ad Hoc Committee on Student-Athlete Welfare completed its work and identified 12 areas of enhancements that the conference would support on a national level. ACC Presidents have voted to create a permanent student-athlete welfare committee.

Dr. Wellford distributed copies of President Myles Brand's "State of the Association" statement.

Dr. Wellford distributed copies of Maryland's infractions case resulting from the isolated action of a former assistant football coach. He noted that Maryland responded aggressively to the incident and that the NCAA recognized the institution's response as "commendable." The athletic program received a public reprimand and was placed on one-year probation. Dr. Wellford expressed his disagreement with the NCAA's decision to punish the university for the isolated action of one individual, particularly in light of the athletic program's swift reaction.

Dr. Wellford distributed materials on academic reform and other initiatives. He noted that the progress-toward-degree requirements have been raised from 25/50/75 to 40/60/80, that the required number of academic core courses taken in high school will increase from 13 to 14 in 2005 and to 16 in 2008. Dr. Wellford explained that each institution is required to collect data during 2003-04 on how the impact of the new academic standards. The Council also discussed the pros and cons of various academic reform initiatives, such as the loss of a team scholarship for one year when a student athlete becomes academically ineligible and leaves school.

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Dr. Wellford distributed copies of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) "Framework for Comprehensive Athletics Reform." The COIA was formed in 2002 by a group of Division I faculty leaders who believe that intercollegiate athletics in need of serious and immediate reform. Dr. Joel Cohen, Chair of the University Senate at Maryland, serves on the COIA steering committee.

Dr. Wellford discussed with the Council a 1994 memorandum concerning the athletic eligibility of students in the Academic Achievement Program (IED) run by Dr. Jerry Lewis. The memo states that non-recruited student-athletes who have completed one year in the IED program are eligible for athletic competition. Dr. Wellford noted that the rule was never recommended by the Council to the President. A current first-year transfer student was admitted through the IED program and promised by Dr. Lewis prior to his enrollment that he would have the opportunity to walk-on to a varsity team. The Council voted 9-3 in favor of permitting this student to walk-on to the team. Dr. Wellford referred the rule to the Academic Committee for review and recommendation back to the Council.

Dr. Wellford charged the Council's committees with the following tasks during the 2003-04 academic year:

Academic Committee

- (1) Review the IED Program policy on walk-on student-athletes.
- (2) Adoption of a formal policy governing the interactions between coaches and faculty.
- (3) General review/report on the ASCDU tutor system (oversight, policies, etc.).
- (4) Graduate student credit completion and eligibility for competition.

Student Life Committee

- (1) Should coaches/administrators be informed of a first positive drug test?

Budget Committee

- (1) Review of NCAA report on expenditures and effect on competitive advantage.
- (2) Report on commercialization.

Executive Committee

- (1) Review of COIA recommendations, as related to the operation of the Athletic Council.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Dr. Yow)

Dr. Yow distributed the goals and achievements booklet to the Council. The booklet provides details on the department's achievements in key goal areas over the past nine years and its goals for 2003-04.

Regarding the notification of coaches/administrators on a first positive drug test, Dr. Yow explained that staff would like to be informed in order to best assist a student-athlete -- the earlier the intervention, the better. Regarding contact between faculty and coaches, Dr. Yow explained that a formal policy would best protect all parties by limiting potential misunderstandings.

Dr. Yow noted that Dr. Cohen has invited her comments on the COIA's 31-point action plan to reform intercollegiate athletics. She will circulate her response to the Council.

Dr. Yow explained that Rob Koonce resigned his position in ASCDU in early September to pursue other professional opportunities. Kathy Worthington will serve as interim head of ASCDU until a national search is conducted in the spring semester.

Concerning the rules infractions case, Dr. Yow explained that the department has reported to the NCAA on all its rules education efforts. She also noted that Mr. Terry Don Philips, Clemson Athletics Director and Chair of the NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee, commented to her at ACC meetings that Maryland was the "text book" case of how to handle such rules infractions.

Dr. Yow reported that she will chair the ACC TV Committee in 2003-04. She and Commissioner Swofford will begin renegotiation of the ACC's football agreement to generate additional revenues for the ACC's newest members, Virginia Tech and Miami.

Dr. Yow reported that the review of underage drinking and hazing allegations concerning men's and women's lacrosse is nearly complete. All hazing notes from the internal review will be turned over to the Office of Judicial Programs and the UMCP Police, at the request of the police. Dr. Yow takes these issues very seriously and will respond appropriately to any misconduct.

Dr. Yow congratulated Dr. Wellford on having his term as FAR and Chair of the Athletic Council extended through 2008.

IV. REVISED STUDENT-ATHLETE AMATEURISM POLICY (Susan Bayly)

Susan Bayly distributed updated copies of the regulations governing amateurism and the relationship between sports agents and student-athletes at the University of Maryland. The State has passed strong laws concerning the conduct of agents. She highlighted that the University may now sue an agent for conduct that results in loss of revenue from the agent's actions, such as an NCAA ban on post-season or conference tournament competition.



V. HONORING & RETIRING PLAYER JERSEYS/NUMBERS (Joe Hull)

Joe Hull distributed an outline for a formal policy on honoring jerseys at Maryland. Dr. Wellford referred the policy to the External Affairs committee for review and recommendation by the December meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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