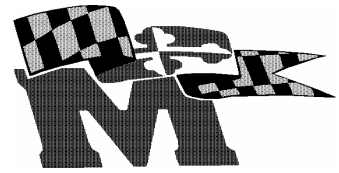


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- I. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- II. CHAIR'S REPORT
- III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- IV. ADMISSIONS REPORT (BARBARA GILL)
- V. REPORT ON NCAA RECERTIFICATION (MICHAEL LIPITZ)
- VI. NCAA LEGISLATION – OUTSIDE INCOME (JANE MULLENS)
- VII. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR 2001-02
  - A. REVIEW OF STUDENT-ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS



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## **I. INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Wellford began the meeting by introducing the Council's newest members, including: Vice Chair, Mary Ann Hoffman; Bonnie Dill; Michele Dudash; Whitman Ridgway; Bill Higgins; and Rosemary Blunck.

Minutes from the Council's May meeting were not offered for approval, as many current Council members were not present at that meeting.

## **II. CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **A. Sportsmanship Committee**

Dr. Wellford updated the Council of the Committee's membership and charge. All faculty members from last year's Athletic Council are serving on the 24 person Committee, as well as 4 student representatives.

The Committee is dealing with two issues: 1) drafting a model sportsmanship statement, and 2) dealing with game day issues, such as crowd control and post game bonfires.

The process is open and inclusive, including numerous opportunities for comment by members of the University and College Park communities. Final recommendations will be made to Dr. mote by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

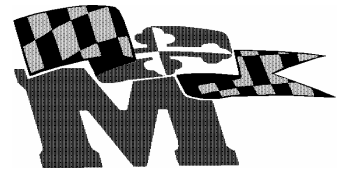
Jackson Bryer encouraged the Council's faculty members to spread word of the Committee's upcoming open forums to their colleagues.

### **B. Academic Eligibility Appeals**

Dr. Wellford explained that these appeals are for student-athletes who fall between University and NCAA academic standards. Historically, 14-15 appeals were typically heard each summer. The Council's Academic Committee heard only 6 this year. All 6 were first-time appeals and all 6 were approved.

### **C. Semester Team Reviews**

Dr. Wellford explained that three teams were subject to review from the Spring 2001 semester: Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, and Football. He noted that Men's Basketball failed to meet all three requirements or the review, while Football missed the 2.25 overall team GPA requirement by only hundredths of a percentage point.



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#### **D. Academic Review System**

Dr. Wellford explained that Men's and Women's Basketball were reviewed this past Spring on the 10 criteria of the Academic Review System. He noted that each coach was responsive to the review process. He also noted that the ARS was not intended to be punitive for teams that are not progressing well, but questioned whether some further remedial or preventative action should be taken and requested that the Academic Committee consider this issue.

#### **E. Graduation Rates**

Recent headlines have focused on the decline of national men's basketball graduation rates. The 0% rate for Maryland's team has also been widely reported.

Dr. Wellford charged the Academic Committee with reviewing Maryland's rate in the context of our peers. He will forward the NCAA's graduation rate URL to Council members.

#### **F. Knight Commission**

Michael Lipitz will distribute copies of the Knight Commission report in the Council's October meeting packet for discussion at the October or November meeting.

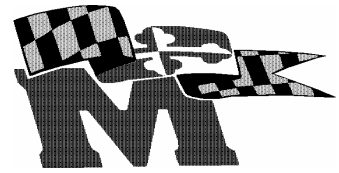
#### **G. Championship Cabinet**

Dr. Wellford will now serve on the NCAA Championship Cabinet.

### **II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **A. Student-Athlete Code of Conduct**

Dr. Yow requested that the Council review the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct during the year. A glitch in the Code states that a student-athlete charged with a felony cannot play, but is silent as to whether the student-athlete can practice. Dr. Yow has consistently refused to allow such student-athletes to practice, but would rather that the Code clearly state this policy.



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**B. Knight Commission**

Dr. Yow commented that the Commission's report was problematic in both process and in result. No sitting athletic director was represented on the Commission and the conclusions reached are impractical. Dr. Yow looks forward to the Council's discussions of the report.

**C. ICA 7-Year Results**

Dr. Yow will provide a 7-year overview of athletics department results at the October meeting.

**D. Men's Lacrosse Coach Search**

Dr. Yow reported that the search committee, chaired by Sr. Assoc. AD, Rob Mullens, is well underway. The pool is very talented and it will be a difficult decision. She will update the Council in October.

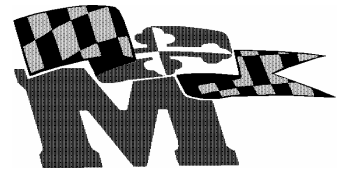
**E. Baltimore Sun Articles**

Dr. Yow advised the Council that the athletics department responded to two factually inaccurate articles by Baltimore Sun writers Michael Olesker and Jon Morgan concerning the Comcast Center and the Comcast Center seating plan. The department has had conversations with the authors and Sun's sports editor, but felt compelled to take out a quarter-page ad in the Sun's sports section to properly refute the two articles' numerous inaccuracies since the Sun would not agree to correct the statements.

**F. West Virginia Football Game – Tribute to America**

Dr. Yow reported that the athletics department has planned a number of initiatives for the West Virginia football game to appropriately honor the victims of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks:

- 1) A moment of silence
- 2) Vocalist singing the National Anthem
- 3) Vocalist singing God Bless America
- 4) A patriotic halftime show by the Maryland band, highlighted by the unfurling of the American Flag
- 5) Information tables for the student-initiated September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial Scholarship



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### **G. West Virginia Football Game – Security**

Kathy Worthington is on-point for all security issues. A risk management plan and evacuation plan are in place, as well as updated stadium regulations concerning what items fans will be allowed to carry into Byrd Stadium. An ACC conference call will be held to discuss security issues.

### **H. Handouts**

Dr. Yow distributed the following handouts:

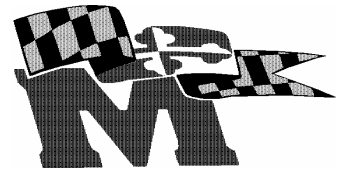
- 1) CNNSI Article on Penn State football arrests – notable in that two football student-athletes charged with felony aggravated assault have been permitted to continue practicing and playing by Coach Paterno.
- 2) Inching Towards Equality – notable that since Dr. Yow was hired 7 years ago, she remains one of only two female athletics directors at major, Division I-A institutions (the other is Barbara Hedges at the University of Washington).
- 3) No UVA Cuts – Virginia has backed-off of previous statements that it would be forced to cut sports in order to balance its operation budget.
- 4) Athletics Stakeholders – a chart that details the various constituents served by athletics directors.

## **III. ADMISSIONS – BARBARA GILL**

### **A. Athletic Admissions Analysis**

Barbara Gill reported on athletic admissions for the 5-year period from 1997-2001. She advised the Council that the handout shows only 2 of 25 factors used in the admissions process.

She explained the three admissions categories utilized by the University: regular admit, admit by review, and individual admit (IA). She further noted that the increase in IAs from 18 in 1997 to 24 in 2001 partly results from the policy change that raised the IA limit from 18 to 26 per year. This change reflects the department's addition of two sports in recent years: women's softball and women's golf.



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Dr. Jerry Wrenn asked why the total number of student-athletes admitted had declined, even while the department was adding sports and, therefore, participants. Dr. Yow explained that a number of women's teams have not always utilized all available scholarship aid in recent years. Kathy Worthington tracked this issue during the 2000-01 academic year and reported to the

Athletic Council that the shortfall in utilization of women's scholarships was for non-discriminatory reasons (i.e. not getting the recruit the coach wanted; recruit opting for another institution, etc.).

Barbara Gill noted that Tables I & II are affected by which teams are recruiting more heavily in a given year and by the increasing admission standards of the University.

Concerning IA's, she noted that there were approximately 150 "special admits" university-wide, excluding athletes in 2001, and 26 IA student-athletes. She also commented that a comparison of Individual Admits and Academic Achievement students revealed that IAs generally perform better and graduate at a higher rate.

Dr. Bill Higgins commented that high school GPA is the most effective predictor of success at the college level and that graduation rates will likely continue to increase as GPA's in all admissions categories rise.

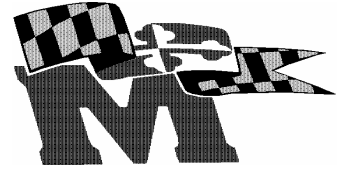
#### **IV. NCAA RECERTIFICATION**

Michael Lipitz reported that Maryland was fully certified by the NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification. He handed out an update on the 19 Plans for Improvement developed by the on-campus self-study committee.

#### **V. OUTSIDE INCOME – JANE MULLENS**

Jane Mullens reported that a change in legislation regarding outside income earned by athletics staff. The legislation states that athletics staff is no longer required prior approval for outside, athletics income by the institution's CEO. Staff is still required to report outside income after receiving it.

Various Council members noted the new legislation mirrors the requirements of campus faculty reporting requirements. Dr. Wellford will report to Dr. Mote that Council recommends that Maryland adopt the new legislation.



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**VI. NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

Aside from reviewing the Student-Athlete Code of Conduct, no Council member raised new agenda items. Dr. Wellford encouraged all members to contact him with any new agenda items prior to the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
*Michael Lipitz*