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I. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Wellford welcomed Council members to the first meeting of the 2004-05 Academic Year. The Council approved its May 2004 minutes.

II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Yow thanked Council members for their service. She commented that she very much appreciates the positive working relationship between athletics and faculty at Maryland and noted that it is not always the case on other campuses.

A. NCAA Recruiting Taskforce

Dr. Yow served on this ad hoc NCAA committee, which has now completed its work. The committee made a number of recommendations regarding changes to recruiting practices and policies. Prior to the committee's recommendations, Maryland had already made significant enhancements to its recruiting and hosting forms. The forms will be provided to the Council at its October meeting for discussion and review.

B. Study on Women in Intercollegiate Athletics

Dr. Yow distributed a March, 2004 longitudinal study on the participation of women in intercollegiate athletics over the last 30 years.

C. Alcohol Ads in College Athletics

Dr. Yow distributed a USA Today article regarding alcohol advertising and college athletics. Maryland does not permit alcohol to be served at any athletics venue, including in suites/boxes, and also does not permit alcohol advertising in its venues. Anheuser-Busch is a sponsor on the Terrapin Sports Network for radio broadcasts of Terps football and basketball games.

Dr. Yow stated that she is concerned about the relationship between alcohol advertising and colleges – noting that she has raised the issue at meetings of the ACC's athletics directors on more than one occasion. Council members agreed that it is an area to watch going forward and that Maryland has appropriately limited alcohol advertising at campus venues.

D. Medical Services RFP

Dr. Yow noted that Maryland had completed the bid process for its medical services provider and remained with University of Maryland Medical Services. Kathy Worthington added that a number of improvements in the relationship were secured through the bid process, including improved physicians hours, the availability of additional medical testing and the services of one of the nation's best surgeons.

Dr. Yow also informed the Council that Darryl Conway had been hired as Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Medicine to oversee all facets of sports medicine, a new position.

E. Coaches and Administrators Handbook

Dr. Yow distributed the table of contents for the department's new Coaches and Administrator's Handbook. This resource book contains the majority of policies to which coaches and administrators refer on a regular basis. Sports supervisors are meeting individually with their respective coaching staffs to distribute the handbooks and highlight key information.

F. Gambling Presentation

Dr. Yow reported that Michael Francese will be on campus this weekend to speak with all student-athletes and coaches. He is a former mobster who travels the country to speak with students regarding the dangers of gambling and its close relationship with organized crime.

G. Competitive Cheerleading

Dr. Yow shared with Council members that the New York Times had recently written another article regarding cheerleading and its elevation to varsity status at Maryland. The article was primarily supportive. She again thanked Council members for their support of this ground-breaking step to provide additional opportunities for female student-athletes.

H. Washington Post Article

Dr. Yow distributed an article regarding colleges that provide course credit for varsity athletics participation. Roughly 36 out of 117 Division 1-A football programs award academic credit, while a number of also issue

grades that count towards student-athletes' GPAs. Maryland does not offer credit for athletics participation.

I. Football Goal Posts

Kathy Worthington reported that Maryland has installed "indestructible" goal posts at Byrd Stadium. A number of schools have switched to either collapsible or indestructible goal posts in recent years in response to injuries sustained when fans rush the field following games.

J. Hazing Statement

Dr. Yow reported that the department is in the process of enhancing its student-athlete hazing statement and upon completion will provide it to the Council's Student Life Committee for review.

K. Director's Cup Results

Dr. Yow reported that Maryland finished 24th in the nation in the 2003-04 Director's Cup, the second-consecutive year the Terps have finished in the Top 25. A school-record 12 teams scored points for the Terps through competition in their respective NCAA championships.

L. ASCSU

Dr. Yow introduced Anton Goff, Assistant AD for ASCDU, as the new head of the academic support unit. She noted that Maryland now employs 14 full-time staff, including 4 learning specialists, in support of its 757 student-athletes.

III. DRUG TESTING POLICY

Dr. Wellford reported that the updated drug testing policy had been approved by President Mote and is included in the 2004 Athletic Council Policy Manual.

IV. STUDENT-ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY FUND (SAOF)

Dr. Wellford distributed a summary of SAOF expenditures for 2003-04. The fund was created from revenues resulting from the NCAA men's basketball television contract and is intended to provide direct benefits to student-athletes. The fund is scheduled to grow 13% each year and any funds not distributed in a given year will carry over for up to three years. The Student

Life Committee will review the results of the distributions in the first year, as well as those of other ACC institutions.

V. COMPLIANCE REPORT

Dr. Wellford provided for the Council an overview of the process by which the University reviews potential rules infractions. He explained that the Compliance Committee of the Whole (CCOW) meets regularly and reviews a number of compliance issues, including rules infractions. The CCOW's Infractions Committee reviews any potential major infractions and is chaired by Dr. Wellford and includes Dr. Yow, Susan Bayly and Jim Sarra, Sr. Assoc. AD for Compliance and Student Services.

VI. ASCDU STAFF INTERACTION WITH FACULTY

Dr. Wellford reported that a concern was raised over the summer regarding assistance that was provided to a student-athlete by ASCDU staff. Dr. Wellford and Susan Bayly reviewed the situation and found no inappropriate behavior by ASCDU staff and no NCAA rules issues.

Dr. Wellford noted that no written policy exists for "rules of engagement" between ASCDU staff and faculty. Anton Goff and Dr. Wellford will meet with Arts & Humanities, Behavior and Social Science and other colleges to discuss concepts to be included in the development of such a written policy.

VII. GRADUATION RATES

Dr. Wellford reported steady improvement in Maryland's student-athlete graduation rate. The 1997 Cohort graduated at a rate of 67%, as compared to 65% the previous year.

Dr. Wellford also discussed the Academic Performance Rate, which is a new NCAA measure that will serve as the benchmark for pending incentive/disincentive legislation, such as teams' eligibility for post-season competition and the ability to re-award grants-in-aid. Maryland teams accumulated 95.8% of all possible points in an initial calculation.

VIII. UMCP GPA REQUIREMENTS

Dr. Wellford explained that the Maryland's GPA requirements for continuing eligibility have been higher than those of the NCAA for a number of years. Recently, however, the NCAA raised its rates and they are now very close to

those at Maryland. The Academic Committee will consider whether Maryland should maintain its current standard or adjust to match the new NCAA rates.

IX. NCAA LEGISLATION

Dr. Wellford explained that the NCAA is now on a one-year legislative cycle from July through May. Institutional input is due to the conference office by December of each year. President Mote is serving as Chair of the ACC Presidents group in 2004-05.

Dr. Wellford highlighted two legislative items that will be considered by the Athletic Council's Executive Committee:

- (1) Proposal to permanently add a 12th football game.
- (2) Proposal to provide student-athletes with five years of athletics eligibility that must be used within a five year period.

X. STUDENT SPORTSMANSHIP COMMITTEE

Lauren Spates reported that the Committee decided to request that the band not play "Rock & Roll, Part II" at football games, based primarily on Coach Friedgen's remarks at its initial meeting. The Committee has requested a meeting with Coach Williams to discuss the band playing the song at men's basketball games. She also noted that the t-shirt exchange worked well at the first football game.

XI. WALK-ON POLICY

Kathy Worthington reported that athletics currently requires students who try out for varsity teams to sign a medical waiver if the try out last fewer than three days. Longer try outs require that students receive a complete physical. The Student Life Committee will review current practice to determine whether physicals should be required for all try outs, regardless of length.

XII. COMCAST SEAT ADJUSTMENT

Joe Hull distributed copies of the Comcast Seat Adjustment brochure and reviewed the triennial seat adjustment process with the Council. He noted that faculty/staff seating is assigned separately from Terpoint donors and that the "threshold number of Terpoints" required for faculty/staff to likely maintain their existing or similar seat location would be shared with faculty/staff via direct mail at a later date.

XIII. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TRAVEL

Dr. Wellford reported that the Executive Committee approved a European trip for women's basketball over next summer, similar to that of men's basketball this past summer.

XIV. UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES

Dr. Wellford distributed the admissions guidelines for the Fall of 2005. He noted that the gap in GPA and SAT scores between freshman student-athletes and all freshman students narrowed since a year ago. He also reviewed the academic progress of student-athletes admitted in the Fall of 1999. Barbara Gill, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, will attend the Council's October meeting to review the admissions process in greater detail.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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