



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
 - A. Approval of Minutes
- II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- III. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Chairs)
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS

I. CHAIR REPORT

The Council approved the October minutes.

Dr. Wellford announced that Michael Lipitz will relocate the Council's website to www.umterps.com, because the server currently hosting the site is being decommissioned.

Dr. Wellford reported that four teams, baseball, football, men's basketball and men's tennis, participated in the Council's Academic Review System during the fall semester. The review is not punitive in nature, but rather, represents an opportunity to discuss ways to improve the academic performance of the team.

Dr. Wellford reported that Maryland's NCAA graduation rate for student-athletes was 67% for the 1997 Cohort. The NCAA rate counts only scholarship student-athletes and only student-athletes who were admitted to the university as first-time, full-time freshmen in the fall semester. The current rate also counts against an institution any student-athletes who leave in good academic standing prior to graduation. Maryland's graduation rate compares favorably to its ACC and national peers.

II. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Yow reported that the Maryland's football victory over Florida State was followed by a controlled celebration by students and fans. Goal posts remained standing and there were no post-game incidents in the stadium or on Route 1.

Kevin Glover shared with the Council a summary of his recent meetings with Route 1 bar owners. He met with the owners of Bentleys, Santa Fe, Corner Stone and Lupos to discuss their efforts to keep underage students out of their respective establishments.

Dr. Yow reported that Maryland's recruiting and hosting compliance forms have been updated to require coaches to sign post-visit. Dr. Wellford added that he is still attempting to secure the policies of other ACC schools.

Dr. Yow reported that her contract as athletics director has been extended through 2010. She expressed her appreciation for the collegial working relationship between athletics and the Council. Now in year eleven, she noted that her senior administrative team is the strongest yet.

III. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Dr. Hoffman reported that the committee reviewed the athletic department's updated and more comprehensive Hazing Statement. The statement was unanimously approved by the Council.

Dr. Hoffman reported that the committee reviewed the distribution of Student-Athlete Opportunity Funds. The needs of student-athletes are being met by the existing distribution process and the Council unanimously approved the continuation of the process.

Dr. Hoffman reported that the committee reviewed the athletic department's policy of utilizing a waiver for team tryouts lasting less than three days and recommended that use of the waiver continue. It was unanimously approved by the Council.

Dr. Hoffman reported that the committee did not yet have a recommendation regarding student-athlete health insurance.

IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Wellford reported on pending legislation that would permit football to play 12 regular season games each year. The game would be played within the existing season and would not extend the season. Student-athletes are in favor of a 12th game and NCAA data shows minimal injury risk resulting from a 12th game.

The Council discussed the need for the additional revenues from an extra home game each season to offset the cost of other pending NCAA legislation, including raising the scholarship limit to the full cost of attendance and permitting parents to accompany their children on official campus visits. The Council recommended that Maryland support a 12th game, provided that the incremental revenues would enhance student-athlete welfare.

Dr. Wellford reported on pending legislation that would provide for five years of athletic eligibility to be used within five years (rather than the existing four in six rule). Football is the primary proponent of this legislation and it is generally not supported by other sports. One concern expressed by the Council is that the five year concept runs counter to the goal of graduating students within four years. The Council recommended that Maryland not support the "five in five" legislation.

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Dr. Wellford reported that the NCAA now permits incoming student-athletes to attend summer school prior to enrollment and is requiring institutions to develop guidelines for this practice. The matter was referred to the Academic Committee with the goal of having guidelines in place for the summer of 2005.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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