



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- III. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE UPDATE (DR. HADLEY)
- IV. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE UPDATE (SAWYER)
- V. FACILITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE (CLEMENT)
- VI. ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORTING TO CAMPUS (SAWYER)
- VII. GENDER EQUITY REPORT (BAYLY/WORTHINGTON)

I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Athletic Council Membership. Dr. Wellford noted that through the certification process the Governance Committee has raised the question of whether or not a coach should be a member of the council. The council members have been asked to consider this topic and it will be voted on at the April Athletic Council meeting. Dr. Yow supports the addition of a coach.
- B. Men's Basketball Championship Expansion. Dr. Wellford reported that in the recent NCAA Leadership Council meeting the topic of expanding the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship to 96 teams was broached. The expansion of the tournament is related to whether or not the NCAA would opt out of its current television contract. Questions continue to exist on what the expansion would mean to missed class time for student athletes.
- C. Secretary of Education Comments. Dr. Wellford noted the recent comments made by Arnie Duncan the Secretary of Education for the United States regarding the idea of attaching a minimum graduation rate to a team's ability to compete in NCAA Championships. Dr. Wellford has been appointed to an ACC committee that will examine academic minimums to compete in basketball, similar to the work they are exploring for football on a national level. The council expressed concern regarding our graduation rates in men's basketball.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Budget Update. Reported that this seasons snow fall will have an impact on the budget. Additionally, revenues anticipated from the team store will not be fulfilled by eSports and that relationship has been severed. The department has contracted with Barnes & Noble to operate the team store.
- B. WNIT. Stated that women's basketball is hosting the third round of the WNIT against Providence. So far the experience has been a positive one for the young team.
- C. Men's Basketball Academics. The graduation rates being reported are from a 4-year cohort from 1999-2002. Of late, men's basketball has improved academically with 8 of the last 10 seniors graduating and with the 4 current seniors on track to graduate this May, hopefully. The

department is focused on distributing updated academic information to the Terrapin Club and responding to all complaints received. That updated information was provided to media outlets, but data was referenced or their focus was on the 4-year cohort results. The positives were posted on umterps.com as a headline. Our APR will be part of the May NCAA national press release and it is the next academic metric report. Coach Williams and Dr. Yow will review the strategies for the sharing of information.

III. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Dr. Hadley reported on the questions regarding whether or not faculty should be involved in the admissions decisions of student athletes. Dr. Hadley reported that the committee met with Britt Reynolds, Associate Director of Admissions and concluded that faculty should not be involved, as the University has trained professionals that are more than capable of making admissions decisions for all students. Dr. Yow had supported the current system, as well.

IV. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Dr. Sawyer reported on two issues the student life committee has reviewed regarding sports medicine. The first is a proposed new tryout/walk-on policy which would require all students trying out for teams to pay for their required physical and sickle cell test. Currently the athletics department is responsible for these costs. This will be voted on at the April athletic council meeting. This recommendation came initially from Darryl Conway, Assistant AD for Sports Medicine.

The second issue is that the department has needed to secure a new provider for physician coverage at home athletic events. Previously the university health center was providing this coverage, but now the University of Maryland Medical System will provide physician coverage because the university health center has opted out.

V. BUDGET & FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Dr. Clement reported that the committee will meet prior to the April meeting to review the department financial audits and will provide an update at the April meeting



The committee is also exploring a concern on behalf of the tennis teams that the teams need additional practice time at our current facility. Several options are being considered at this time to resolve this concern.

VI. ATHLETIC COUNCIL SHARING INFORMATION WITH CAMPUS

Dr. Sawyer led a conversation on the sharing of information with campus regarding athletics. It was determined that more information sharing with campus will better educate and clarify misconceptions that currently exist with a few faculty members. It was recommended that Dr. Yow present to the University Senate if given the opportunity, which has been requested before and denied. The University Senate has agreed to post the Annual Report on Athletics to the Board of Regents on its website for senate members to review, which should be helpful. Dr. Wellford and Dr. Yow have presented to the University Senate Executive Committee and will continue to do so.

VII. GENDER EQUITY REPORT

- A. University Attorney Susan Bayly presented the annual gender equity report to the Council. She reviewed the three-prong test that determines compliance with Title IX and Maryland's history of sport expansion and opportunities for female student-athletes.
- B. Maryland's participation rate for FY09 (50.9% male vs. 49.1% female) is 0.1% ahead of the undergraduate enrollment (51% male vs. 49% female). Maryland's scholarship expenditures were 53.7% male and 46.3% female. Susan explained that the discrepancy between scholarship expenditures and participation rates is due to non-discriminatory factors, including summer school use by male student-athletes and women's basketball and swimming voluntarily/temporarily not utilizing all of their respective scholarship allotments in the reporting year for various reasons.
- C. Susan noted to the Council that Maryland is a model athletics program with regard to Title IX compliance and that the campus should be proud that federal law is being met through their efforts.

Meeting Adjourned.