



---

AGENDA

- I.     **ADMISSIONS REPORT (BARBARA GILL)**
- II.    **CHAIR REPORT (DR. WELLFORD)**
- III.   **DIRECTOR REPORT (KEVIN ANDERSON)**
- IV.    **ACADEMIC COMMITTEE UPDATE (DR. HADLEY)**
- V.     **STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE UPDATE (DR. CLEMENT)**

**I. ADMISSIONS REPORT**

Barbara Gill, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, and Britt Reynolds, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, provided an overview of the admissions process for student athletes to the Council. They reviewed the six most recent freshman cohorts, including general student data and student-athlete data, and commented on the excellent working relationship between the admissions office and ICA.

**II. CHAIR REPORT**

- A. NCAA Certification. Dr. Wellford noted that NCAA Certification went very well and complimented Kathy Worthington for leading the process. A final verdict should be given to the University in February.
- B. ACC Meetings. Dr. Wellford indicated that the conference is working on legislation that would propose that all student athletes pass 9 credits in order to be eligible for the following semester. Legislation is already being considered to implement this rule to football, but this would expand it to all sports.
- C. Knight Commission Report. Dr. Wellford said that there was good discussion at the ACC Meetings regarding the recent Knight Commission report. An emphasis is being placed on financial aspects of college athletics and making things more transparent and informing the constituents. Additionally, they are examining tying NCAA revenue distribution to program's academic performance.

**III. DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. Budget/Human Resources. Randy Eaton reported that the department is feeling the effects of a decrease in football ticket sales and are exploring ways of increasing revenue to offset these shortcomings. Additionally, the department has posted the Associate Athletic Director position vacated by Anton Goff.
- B. Academics. Ryan Bowles reported that the department recently recognized all scholar athletes at the Florida International football game. 407 student athletes were recognized for achieving a 3.0 gpa in either the fall or spring semester last year. The department also reports that their student athletes graduation rate will be 80% when released later in October, its highest rate of all-time.

- C. Compliance & Individual Admit Policy. Dan Trump announced the hiring of Jim Curry as the new Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance replacing Keli Cunningham. Dan noted that the department is working with the Academic Committee of the Athletic Council in assessing the current Individual Admit Policy. This will continue as the Academic Committee is scheduled to meet prior to the November meeting to continue this work.
- D. Fundraising. Cheryl Harrison provided the council with an update on department fundraising, along with annual goals.
- E. ACC Meetings. Kevin Anderson informed the council that Maryland along with Texas are the only two schools in the nation with a head football coach in waiting and that this individual faces the same recruiting restrictions as head coaches, thus a recruiting disadvantage. The University of Texas is attempting to get an injunction against this rule.
- F. Men's & Women's Basketball Schedule. Kevin Anderson reported that the ACC Athletic Directors are discussing expanding the men's and women's basketball conference schedules to 18 games. As a result Maryland would not play Duke every third year. Both schools voted against the proposal. There are also discussions regarding expanding the ACC football schedule to 9 conference games.
- G. Team Update. Kevin Anderson commended the success to date of the Field Hockey, Men's & Women's Soccer and Volleyball programs.
- H. Katie O'Donnell. Kevin Anderson distributed an article about Senior Field Hockey student athlete Katie O'Donnell who was named the Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation. Kevin commented that Katie did a fantastic job on her acceptance speak and made everyone proud to be a Terp.

#### **IV. Academic Committee**

Nick Hadley, chair of the academic committee, reported that the committee met recently to discuss three items. First, the committee examined the class attendance policy and recommended to the council an amendment to expand the policy. The proposal calls for the minimum team GSR to be raised to 70% and that all student athletes who do not pass 9 credit hours to be under the policy. The Council will review and



---

vote at the next meeting. Second, the committee is in the process of revising the ASPC Charter. Lastly, the committee is working with the athletic department to examining the Individual Admit policy and is scheduled to meet and discuss further on November 3.

**V. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Linda Clement, chair of the student life committee, reported that the committee had met and discussed the student athlete grievance policy and determined that there are no more revisions necessary. Dr. Wellford asked that the committee look to add a final appeal component, whereas the student athlete can appeal to the Faculty Athletic Representative if necessary. Additionally, the committee will now look at department and university travel policies.

Meeting Adjourned.