



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- III. GENDER EQUITY REPORT (Susan Bayly & Kathy Worthington)
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS

I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Athletic Department Award. Dr. Wellford announced that the athletic department had been honored as a recipient of the National Consortium for and Academic and Sports' Degree Completion Honor Roll for 2005-06. The award honors those institutions which have strong programs that assist former student athletes who have exhausted their eligibility to return to campus and complete their degrees. Maryland has received this award three consecutive years.
- B. Byrd Stadium Expansion Suites. Dr. Wellford addressed the issue of Byrd Stadium expansion and the addition of suites and the possible presence of alcohol. The Athletic Council did not wish to revisit this topic as they had voted last year not to have alcohol in the suites.
- C. ACC General Counsel Meeting. Dr. Wellford introduced Susan Bayly to discuss the recent ACC General Counsel Meeting. Susan Bayly indicated that the majority of the discussion was centered around coaches contracts. Susan has since reviewed particular language in each of our coaches contracts and has made modest recommendations for the future. Susan also briefed the council on the current status of NCAA vs. White case regarding grant in aid being limited and not including actual cost of attendance.
- D. NCAA Finances. Dr. Wellford provided the council with a hand out outlining a number of the NCAA's revenues and distributions to institutions and conferences. The men's basketball television contract continues to be the largest single revenue source for the NCAA member institutions.
- E. ACC SAAC. Dr. Wellford informed the council that the ACC SAAC has worked on a public awareness sportsmanship campaign as a result of the fight that took place between Miami and Florida International in football.
- F. NCAA Governance Structure. Dr. Wellford reviewed a proposal regarding potential changes to the current NCAA governance structure. A new model will be proposed in the summer and acted on next fall. Recently at the ACC meetings the proposal was discussed and member schools voted by a 10-2 margin to return to the one school-one vote policy that was in place prior to the current representative structure, but this method of governance is not being considered.

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- G. Men's Tennis Transfer. Dr. Wellford updated the council on a men's tennis transfer from American University, where the men's tennis program was dropped. In order to participate at Maryland, a waiver needed to be sent to the NCAA. Dr. Wellford was initially hesitant to sign the waiver as he wanted to make sure there was some educational basis for it, but since has signed, as the student athlete will pursue a minor within the kinesiology department that will be useful in his career goals upon completion.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Finances. Dr. Yow informed the council that the athletic department is under considerable stress in regards to finances, however not to the point where the budget will not be balanced for a thirteenth-consecutive year. Larry Leckonby and Dr. Yow will provide the Budget Report to the Council at the April meeting.
- B. Women's Basketball vs. Duke. Dr. Yow reported that the home women's basketball game versus Duke on Sunday, February 18th is sold out and that Senator Barbara Milkulski will attend. The women's basketball team will lead the ACC in attendance this year.
- C. NCAA Legal Battle. Dr. Yow discussed the impact that the NCAA vs. White case could potentially have on the university if it were determined that a grant in aid must also include cost of attendance. The university would need to pay back previous student athletes and future scholarship bills would be significantly higher if this were to come to fruition.
- D. NCAA Intern Seminar. Dr. Yow reported that she recently spoke at the NCAA intern seminar in Indianapolis and that Dr. Myles Brand, the president of the NCAA, attended her presentation.
- E. SAAC Honor Code. Dr. Yow reported that the SAAC has put the finishing touches on a student athlete honor code and will present it to the council at the March meeting. If approved, the honor code would take effect next fall.
- F. NCAA Governance Structure. Dr. Yow expressed concern over the proposed changes to the NCAA governance structure, mainly in regards to the leadership council. She anticipates that this will primarily be made up of conference commissioners, rather than faculty athletic reps and athletic directors.

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- G. Attendance Policy. Dr. Yow once again expressed her gratitude to the council for creating the attendance policy, as it has positively impacted class attendance amongst student athletes. Dr. Wellford asked the academic committee to look at a potential policy regarding attendance at winter term. In addition, the committee is to examine whether or not a policy should be in place that is more stringent than the NCAA policy on post season participation.

III. GENDER EQUITY REPORT

- A. 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 FY06 (50.8% male vs. 49.2% female) is actually 0.2% ahead of its undergraduate enrollment (51% male vs. 49% female). Maryland's scholarship expenditures were 56% male and 44% 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, gymnastics and women's lacrosse temporarily not utilizing all of their respective scholarship allotments in the reporting year for various reasons.
- C. Susan noted to the Council that Maryland has a model athletics program with regard to Title IX compliance.

Meeting Adjourned.