



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (DR. WELLFORD)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (DR. YOW)
- III. STRATEGIC PLAN (BOYER)
- IV. GENDER EQUITY REPORT (BAYLY AND WORTHINGTON)

**I. CHAIR REPORT**

- A. Council Member Nick Hadley. Dr. Wellford informed the council that member Nick Hadley had recently been elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This is the first time that an Athletic Council member has been recognized in this way.
- B. Kay Yow. Dr. Wellford updated the council on the funeral for Kay Yow, head women's basketball coach at North Carolina State, which he attended.
- C. Academic Clustering. Dr. Wellford informed the council of a recent article that cited football players across the nation gravitating towards particular majors. It was noted that they did not compare this clustering to that of the general student body which the council had done this past year and had no concerns at Maryland.
- D. Underrepresented Major. Dr. Wellford noted that there are very few student athletes who major in Life Science. It was determined that Life Science grades are heavily weighted with class attendance and this makes it very difficult for student athletes, who most miss classes due to travel to away contests. This issue has been brought to the attention of the Dean and will be pursued further.
- E. Minimum Student Athlete GPA. Dr. Wellford reported that only three student athletes fell below the minimum GPA requirement of a 1.29 during the fall semester. All three attended the Maryland English Institute where they only took one class resulting in a D and thus a 1.0. Each of these cases has been appealed.
- F. NCAA Dashboard Indicators. Dr. Wellford reported that as part of the NCAA re-certification process the department has been asked to review the NCAA Dashboard Indicators. Dr. Wellford charged the budget committee to review and indicate strengths and weaknesses.
- G. "Meet the Coach" Dr. Wellford stated that beginning in March each Athletic Council meeting will include a segment where a head coach will speak to the Council. The first coach scheduled is Head Field Hockey Coach Missy Meharg, reigning NCAA Championship coach.
- H. ACC All-Academic Football. Dr. Wellford announced that the ACC recently released its ACC All-Academic Football team and Maryland

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earned 8 of the 40 spots, which led the conference in this important academic recognition.

- I. ACC Meetings Update. Dr. Wellford reported that at the recent February ACC Meeting held in Ft. Lauderdale that the Athletic Directors voted to eliminate the February meeting in Florida due to budget concerns, but the Faculty Athletic Representatives did not. This information has been passed onto Dr. Mote and it has been placed on the next ACC President's Meeting for their consideration.

## II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. ACC Cost Containment Items. Dr. Yow reported that at the recent CFO meetings several cost containment issues were discussed. She also noted that for the first time in history the ACC Men's Basketball tickets are on sale to the public. The combination of the economy and the Georgia Dome's size has created this unique dynamic.
- B. ACC Swimming Championship. Dr. Yow noted that the university is hosting the ACC Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving Championship February 18 – 28.
- C. Dr. Myles Brand. Dr. Yow informed the council that Dr. Myles Brand, President of the NCAA, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer but continues to work part time.

## III. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Chris Boyer updated the council on the athletics strategic plan. The first phase, the SWOT Analysis, has been completed and coaches and units are currently working on the second phase, Goal Statements. The department is aiming for a final draft to be completed by July and will have a draft for the council to review at the May meeting.

## IV. 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 FY08 (51.4% male vs. 48.6% female) is just 0.4% behind the undergraduate enrollment (51% male vs. 49% female). Maryland's scholarship expenditures were 53.6% male and



47.4% 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, swimming, track, softball and golf 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.