



AGENDA

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- VI. FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC REVIEWS (DR. WELLFORD)

I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Women's Club Rowing Team. Dr. Wellford noted that he recently was visited by members of the women's club rowing team inquiring about receiving varsity status. Women's rowing was considered in 2003-04 when competitive cheerleading and women's water polo were added. The club team will attend the April council meeting to make a presentation.
- B. Florida State ASCDU issues. Dr. Wellford reviewed the issues that Florida State has recently had within their Academic Support and Career Development Unit resulting in several football players suspended for their bowl game. Maryland and Florida State have several of the same measures in place to monitor tutors. Dr. Mote will begin to meet with all athletic department tutors beginning with the fall semester.
- C. Student Athlete and Faculty relationships. Dr. Wellford updated the committee on a recent situation involving a student athlete and faculty member. A faculty member was presented a travel letter from a student athlete on an assessment day. The professor issues five assessments with the lowest score dropped when calculating the final grade. The professor indicated this would be the assessment dropped, thus putting the student athlete at a disadvantage. The travel policy states that all assessments missed may be made up, however the professor refused to abide by this rule. This issue will be brought to the attention of the Provost in a scheduled meeting with Dr. Yow, Dr. Wellford, Coach Friedgen and Anton Goff shortly.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Social Network Websites. Dr. Yow reported that the athletic department is considering hiring a company that will monitor the social network websites that student athletes have profiles on such as facebook and myspace. The department plans to discuss this with the SAAC. It has already been discussed at a recent coaches meeting.
- B. Alcohol Free Sports TV. Dr. Yow reported that there is an organization promoting alcohol free sports television that is gaining some momentum. They are asking institutions to direct their conferences to avoid agreeing to alcohol advertisements during their future contract negotiations for television. Currently 60 seconds per hour is dedicated to alcohol advertisements during ACC Men's Basketball contests on television.

- C. Competitive Cheerleading. Dr. Yow shared with the council two articles from the *Oregonian* highlighting competitive cheerleading and the Terps program, in light of the recent addition of a program at the University of Oregon. The department continues to pursue information from OCR regarding their definition of "primary purpose". Presidents from ten institutions need to sign a letter to the NCAA expressing their interest in the sport to be considered an emerging sport by the NCAA.
- D. APR Articles Dr. Yow distributed an article regarding the APR indicated that not as many men's basketball programs as originally thought will lose scholarships due to APR penalties. (Maryland will not lose scholarships due to their APR.)
- E. NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. Dr. Yow reported that Maryland is hosting the 2008 NCAA Women's Basketball first/second rounds in March. To date, over 4400 tickets have been sold, even though the first round falls on Easter Sunday.
- F. New Volleyball Coach. Dr. Yow announced the retirement of long time head volleyball coach Janice Kruger. Coach Kruger will work with the development unit to establish the Janice Kruger endowed scholarship for volleyball. Tim Horsmon has been hired to replace Coach Kruger. Coach Horsmon comes to Maryland from the University of Dayton, where they were perennial NCAA Tournament participants under his leadership.

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 FY07 (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 53.2% male and 47.8% 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 and water polo 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.

IV. DECEMBER MEETING UPDATE

Dr. Wellford updated the council on items leftover from the December meeting. Dr. Mote accepted the council interpretation of the travel policy. Dr. Mote was made aware of the travel issues regarding students getting transported from the health center to the hospital. Finally, Dr. Wellford and Dr. Yow sent a letter to ACC Commissioner John Swofford requesting that officials call a technical foul on Maryland if fans being chanting obscenities. Commissioner Swofford spoke with the head of officials at the ACC regarding this issue. It was noted that there were no issues with fan behavior at the Duke game.

V. WHITE SETTLEMENT

Dr. Wellford updated the council on the recent White settlement. The White case involved former student athletes suing the NCAA for cost of attendance, which was not covered by their grant-in-aid. The settlement calls for \$218 million to be added to the special assistance and academic enhancement funds at 8% per year through 2013 and will be distributed using the Student Athlete Opportunity Fund parameters. The issue of how to handle this was referred to the Student Life Committee.

VI. FALL ACADEMIC REVIEW

Dr. Wellford noted that four programs were subject to academic review after the fall semester, men's golf, baseball, men's soccer and football. Football failed to meet any of the academic requirements in the fall, however this must be balanced with the fact that they are graduating virtually all of their student athletes.

VII. FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC REVIEW

Dr. Wellford informed that council that within the charter of the athletic council it calls for four year academic review for each program. The council has not been doing this as the annual status report on academics from the Academic Support and Career Development Unit has been sufficient. The issue of whether or not to conduct these reviews was referred to the Academic Committee.

VIII. DIAMONDBACK ARTICLES

Dr. Yow notified the council that the Diamondback recently ran an article about a football student athlete who had been stabbed at a party. The police have arrested the individual who attacked the student athlete.

Another article will run shortly about a football student athlete who was a walk-on who assaulted four police officers. This individual was suspended indefinitely and will not return to the team.

Meeting Adjourned.