

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2008**

Present at meeting: See attached sign-in sheet.

Meeting called to order by Dr. Wellford at 12:00 p.m.

I. CLUB ROWING PRESENTATION

Heather Norbert (President), Sari Lewis (Vice President) and Jason Harris (Novice Coach) made a presentation stating their case for the Maryland Women's Rowing Team attaining varsity sport status. (See attached.)

Members of the Council asked numerous questions. The Chair indicated that this would be further discussed at the May meeting.

II. CHAIR REPORT (DR. WELLFORD)

A. Provost Meeting:

Anton Goff, Kathy Worthington, Ralph Friedgen and Charles Wellford met with the Provost. ASCDU prepared a huge amount of data including graduation rates, GPAs, etc. They had a 3-10 year period of performance data on academics which shows clear trends of improvement in every sport, except men's basketball, no matter how it was measured.

The Provost was extremely open and wanted to know the issues and resolve them quickly.

4 issues were raised:

- 1. Hostile faculty: he understood and suggested DY and CW attend a Dean's meeting and enlist their support.**
- 2. Graduate school admissions for early graduation. Look at some of the master certificate programs that are emerging on campus.**

- 3. Class/practice conflict. ICA offered to provide funding to an academic department if they would add another section, but didn't want to look like we were buying classes. The Provost said to give him a list of classes and what ICA would provide financially. As long as the sections were open to any student and the Dean would support it, he would support this and talk to departments about adding sections that would be covered by ICA.**
- 4. Summer program/STEP programs – how they could be improved.**

The academic performance in MBB was discussed with the Provost after Coach Friedgen left the meeting.

B. NCAA Update

Will defer until May meeting. Background: Committee that looks at issues of reinstatement of student-athletes. Re FSU academic fraud – football players would have lost one year of eligibility under current rules. Through some process the NCAA agreed they would only lose 30% of eligibility. The administrative processes in the NCAA had overturned the normal process in order to protect the football team. In response the reinstatement committee's new rule says if you are found guilty of academic fraud you will lose eligibility permanently.

Charles Wellford is being asked to comment on this and will be asked to vote in the Fall. As he understands it the committee has adopted it. Charles will bring it to Council in May. Dan Trump will help the Athletic Council understand more.

NCAA Governance Structure is being revised. There will be a leadership counsel – to advise NCAA Board of Directors. Charles Wellford has been appointed to this leadership counsel.

C. Athletic Council Membership Nominations

There will be 2 faculty and 1 staff position rotating off of the Athletics Council. Lisa Bradley has been nominated for the staff position. Dr. Wellford said our nominees are forwarded to the Senate offices and usually they elect our nominees. Nominees are due tomorrow.

III. DIRECTOR REPORT (DR. YOW)

- **Dr. Mote signed the endorsement form for the Center for Science in the Public Interest re alcohol ads during televised games (prefer these were not there).**
- **ICA is conducting 2 head coach searches: swimming and wrestling.**
- **President's Cup luncheon is April 27th and we would like to have you there as our guest if you are interested in attending. This is the event that focuses on the academic achievements of our student-athletes.**
- **The ACC ADs have split into 3 groups to identify revenue-producing and/or cost-savings ideas to present at the May meeting. We will seek support of the FARS to pursue any recommendations.**
- **Competitive Cheer has won their 3rd consecutive national championship.**
- **An independent study (see attached article) reflects that success at a certain level does make a difference in admissions. Will be provided to Myles Brand of NCAA.**
- **Dick Baddour, UNC, went to the Final Four. Two things he mentioned to ADs: 1.) number of tickets has been reduced by 1,000 for participating teams; 2.) and the other strange and troubling development is a group called Razor Gators. It appears that the 1,000 tickets from each team were given to Razor Gators who sold them at more than face value. The ACC conference said they would look into Razor Gators and see whether or not this was occurring.**
- **Next new thing: Options website. You buy an option to purchase tickets and then sell your option depending on the team's season. Troubling.**

IV. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT (SAWYER)

- **The Student Life Committee has met twice and worked through White and how monies are used. Met with**

Financial Aid people and are having slow and steady work on that.

- **Robin Sawyer reported that Jason White (of the White vs. NCAA suite) showed up with attorney from the United Steel Workers Union who is working on the health insurance issues. There may be another suite coming.**

V. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT (PERES)

- **Dr. Wellford spoke in Dr. Peres' absence and distributed the attached handout. It is the recommendation of the Academic Committee to make these changes and retain the 4 year reviews. This was approved unanimously.**
- **The Academic Committee met this week to discuss awarding of IA to a junior college transfer. By a vote of 4-1 the IA was approved.**

VI. ICA BUDGET UPDATE (LECKONBY/YOW)

- **Larry Leckonby discussed expenses and revenues for athletics. He also discussed ICA's contributions to campus over the past 10 years. The budget will be balanced.**
- **Dr. Wellford asked if there is a way to compare ACC athletic department expenses. Larry will check with ACC schools.**

Dr. Wellford asked if there were any other questions, comments or issues.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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