

**AGENDA**

- I. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- III. STUDENT ATHLETE HONOR CODE (SAAC)
- IV. ACADEMIC REPORT (Dr. Peres)
- V. BUDGET REPORT (Dr. Yow & Larry Leckonby)
- VI. SPRING ACADEMIC REVIEWS (Dr. Wellford & Anton Goff)
- VII. DRUG TESTING POLICY REPORT (Dr. Wellford & Chris Boyer)

**I. OVERSEAS TRAVEL SPECIAL REQUEST**

- A. Head Volleyball Coach Janice Kruger addressed the Athletic Council requesting permission to pursue an overseas trip to China in the summer of 2008. Coach Kruger explained that the trip would be both an athletic and cultural experience for the team. The council unanimously approved the trip contingent upon volleyball raising 90% of the required funds to make the trip. Dr. Wellford has asked the executive committee to review the council's international travel policy.

**II. STUDENT ATHLETE HONOR CODE**

- A. Taryn Papp, a volleyball student athlete and member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, presented the student athlete honor code to the council. The student athlete honor code was developed by members of the SAAC as a statement that outlines the individual responsibility of the Terrapin student athletes. The council commended the SAAC committee for their work and suggested minor revisions, approving the code with inclusion of these revisions.

**III. CHAIR REPORT**

- A. Dematha Principal Letter. Dr. Wellford circulated a recent letter to the editor in the Washington Post from the principal of Dematha High School commenting on sideline behavior from coaches in college athletics. Dr. Wellford agrees that this is a concern and has asked the ACC to allow him to address the men's basketball coaches at the ACC spring meetings.
- B. COIA. Dr. Wellford provided the council with a URL to the latest COIA report and asked the members to review for further discussion at the May meeting. In addition the executive committee will meet to discuss this report prior to the May meeting.
- C. 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. The concern is that there will be less faculty involved within the new proposed structure as the number of cabinets will be reduced significantly.
- D. Initial Eligibility Waiver. Dr. Wellford updated the council regarding a recommended change in initial eligibility waiver. Starting in the fall of 2007 the NCAA will now oversee the initial eligibility process which will require the hiring and training of additional staff. To ease the transition

the NCAA has proposed two prongs in which high school students can automatically gain initial eligibility without review. Some concern was voiced that students may do enough to achieve initial eligibility prior to their senior year, thus making their senior year have no bearing on their initial eligibility status.

- E. Baseball Report. Dr. Wellford updated the council on findings and recommendations from the NCAA Baseball Academic Enhancement Working Group. Traditionally the sport of baseball has a very low APR. The working group had several suggestions as to how to improve academics amongst baseball student athletes while avoiding the reduction of contests. The general consensus among the council was that requiring student athletes who transfer to sit out a year would reduce the number that transfer and would positively impact academic performance among baseball student athletes.

#### **IV. DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. International Travel Policy. Dr. Yow asked that the council please review the athletic council's international travel policy as it is inconsistent with the University philosophy regarding international travel. The policy will be reviewed by the executive committee.
- B. Virginia Tech. Dr. Yow informed the council that SAAC made ribbons in support of the students who lost their lives at Virginia Tech recently and they will be distributed to all Maryland student athletes to wear during competition the weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Rutgers Women's Basketball- Don Imus. Dr. Yow stated that the department sent a letter to the regional vice president of CBS radio, stating that we were not comfortable with the way CBS had handled the Don Imus situation and his use of racially/gender sensitive language towards the Rutgers women's basketball team. CBS radio is the radio partner of Maryland Athletics and employer of Don Imus. Days later Don Imus was fired from his position.

#### **V. ACADEMIC REPORT**

- A. The academic committee continues to review student athlete's enrollment in winter term, the STEP program and participation of baseball student athletes in championship events following the end of the semester. The committee will once again meet prior to the May council meeting and will provide an update at that point.

**VI. FALL ACADEMIC REVIEW**

- A. Dr. Wellford reported that 25 of 27 varsity teams passed the fall semester academic review system. Football and Men's Cross Country did not meet the criteria. Dr. Wellford noted that men's cross country overall was fine, but had one student athlete that had trouble. The football team continues to improve its graduation rates, maintains good class attendance by its student-athletes and has strong academic oversight by its head coach. Men's Basketball met the criteria and has had two student athletes withdrawal. Four seniors will graduate, three of which are scholarship student athletes.

**VII. BUDGET REPORT**

- A. Randy Eaton and Larry Leckonby reviewed athletics projected expenses and revenues for FY07. They reported that the department is on track to balance its thirteenth-consecutive operating budget.

Larry explained that the \$51 million inherited debt has been paid down to \$8.7 million. He also noted that athletics has transferred over \$10.6 million to the campus over the last six years.

The council praised the department for continuing to balance their yearly budget.

**VIII. BYRD STADIUM SUITES**

- A. John Alahouzos, President of the Terrapin Club, presented documents in support of alcohol sales in the new Byrd Stadium suites and asked the council to consider this request. The proposal will be discussed at an executive committee meeting prior to the May council meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.