

AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- III. STUDENT-ATHELTE WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT (Dr. Hoffman)
- IV. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT (Dr. Sawyer)
- V. BUDGET REPORT (Dean Frank & Larry Leckonby)
- VI. NCAA LEGISLATION REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS

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**I. CHAIR REPORT**

- A. University Senate Resolution. Dr. Wellford reported that the Men's Soccer, Field Hockey, Women's Basketball and Competitive Cheer teams will be honored on the University Senate floor through a resolution in honor of their national championship accomplishments.
- B. Student Athlete Opportunity Fund. Dr. Wellford reported that there was a thought that the Student Athlete Opportunity had been overspent, but upon further review there is approximately \$30,000 left to cover expenses for all Fall clothing requests and Spring requests. Many student athletes are using the SAOF as a clothing fund. Dr. Wellford asked the Executive Committee to review the operations and categories in which the fund can be used for and to recommend any adjustments that need to be put in place for next year.
- C. Athletic Council Membership. Dr. Wellford announced that the appointments of Dr. Robin Sawyer, Dr. Charles Caramello and Dr. Lemma Senbet to the Athletic Council will expire after the May meeting. Dr. Wellford thanked them for their service and requested nominations from the Council to present to the University Senate.

**II. DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. Athletic Council Membership. Dr. Yow thanked the three outgoing members of the committee.
- B. Women's Basketball. Dr. Yow reported that the Women's Basketball team is getting back into the swing of things after their National Championship run and Coach Frese is busy juggling all of the different requests for her time.
- C. Competitive Cheerleading. Dr. Yow shared that WJZ out of Baltimore did a great piece on the Competitive Cheer National Championship and that she has shared it with Judy Sweet at the NCAA. The athletic department continues to hope that the sport to become recognized as a varsity sport. She will solicit from the Office of Civil Rights a clarification on its earlier stance that a spirit squad would likely satisfy one of its five technical guidance factors in being considered a varsity sport "if its primary purpose was competition and not the support or promotion of other athletes."

- D. Student Athlete Discipline. Dr. Yow updated the council on the recent events regarding the Duke Men's Lacrosse situation. She outlined the steps the department has taken to define and outline the culture that is in place at Maryland and the steps that would be taken if a situation like that were to occur here.
- E. Facebook.com. Dr. Yow thanked Dr. Robin Sawyer for his contributions regarding facebook.com at a recent coaches meeting on how to manage this issue.
- F. Seat Adjustment Committee. Dr. Yow reported that the Seat Adjustment Committee for the adjustment in 3 years is being chaired by Dr. Wellford.
- G. Personnel. Dr. Yow introduced Dan Trump as the new Associate Athletic Director of Compliance.

### **III. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Letter of Intent. Dr. Mary Ann Hoffman explained the committee was charged to review disclosure from recruits as to disciplinary issues in their past. The committee concluded that they would add wording to the Financial Aid Agreement that each individual receives with their Letter of Intent that states that he or she will notify the University immediately when they are charged or convicted of a crime or a violation of their high school code of conduct. The council recommended that this statement be changed to current academic institution to cover preparatory schools. The committee was asked to re-examine the wording before final approval.
- B. Drug Testing. Dr. Mary Ann Hoffman and Darryl Conway reviewed the current number of drug tests that the department issues. Currently 700 annual tests are completed each year and this number is likely to increase with the implementation of summer drug testing by the NCAA. Darryl Conway continued with a break down of the number of tests for steroids and street drugs, broken down by sport and the cause for test whether it be random or reasonable suspicion. Dr. Wellford commented that he would like to see the number of random tests equal the number of student athletes per year as the policy was implemented to do. Darryl went on to explain that direct observation is only done for male sports at this time.

### **IV. ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT**

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- A. Men's Basketball Attendance Policy. Dr. Robin Sawyer reported on the on-going meetings with Gary Williams regarding class attendance by the Men's Basketball team. Dr. Yow requested that a policy be developed to make sure the student athletes are attending class or they will be penalized.

**V. BUDGET REPORT**

Randy Eaton and Larry Leckonby reviewed athletics' projected revenues and expenses for FY06. They reported that the department is on track to balance its twelfth-consecutive operating budget.

Larry explained that the \$51 million inherited debt has been paid down to \$9.7 million. He also noted that athletics has transferred approximately \$8.7 million to campus in the last five years.

**VI. NCAA LEGISLATION REPORT**

Dr. Wellford provided a handout to the council outlining recent NCAA legislation.

Meeting Adjourned.