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<u>AGENDA</u>

- I. SAAC UPDATE (HOUSEAL)
- II. CLUB ROWING DISCUSSION (DR. WELLFORD)
- III. CHAIR REPORT (DR. WELLFORD)
- IV. DIRECTOR REPORT (DR. YOW)
- V. REVIEW OF ACC MEETINGS (DR. WELLFORD)
- VI. STUDENT ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY FUND POLICY (SAWYER)
- VII. ICA BUDGET PREVIEW (LECKONBY/YOW)

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I. SAAC Update

President of the campus and ACC Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Allie Houseal, updated the council on SAAC's accomplishments this academic year. The committee saw increased attendance and participation from all its members. The SAAC updated its constitution and website, reviewed how Champs Life Skills Points are distributed and worked with the Student Life Committee to examine how funds are distributed through the student athlete opportunity fund. They also recently concluded their major fundraiser of the year, the Relay for Life. Women's Lacrosse Student Athlete Jenny Collins will be the next chair of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

II. CLUB ROWING FOLLOW UP

Dr. Wellford notified the council that as a follow up to the club rowing presentation from the April meeting the athletic department has reviewed the request and does not believe they can recommend rowing to be considered for varsity sport status, as the athletics program is currently in compliance with Federal Title IX law and the needs of the current 27 varsity sports remain the priority.

III. CHAIR REPORT

- A. <u>Membership</u>. Dr. Wellford announced that Dr. Bill Montgomery, Dr. Rick Ellis and Dr. Cindy Hale will begin terms on the council in the fall of 2008, having been elected by the University Senate.
- B. <u>Tyree Evans.</u> Dr. Wellford updated the council on the status of a men's basketball recruit. He received an initial admissions decision of Individual Admit. Since he is a transfer student athlete, the Academic Committee of the Athletic Council also reviewed his case and granted him an IA. The recruit has submitted his application to the University and indicated he had criminal charges. As is standard for the University with any potential student in that situation, his application is being reviewed by the Office of Student Conduct before a final admissions decision is rendered by the Admissions Office.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORT

A. <u>ACC Meetings</u>. Dr. Yow updated the council on the Spring ACC Meetings. The conference athletic directors put forth 20 cost saving or revenue enhancing initiatives for vote by the Conference Faculty Athletic

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Representatives. Many were accepted. A couple are pending a final vote this Fall. The women's basketball head coaches are against the reduction of two scholarships and voted against playing 16 conference games. The idea of playing a ninth conference football game was dismissed.

V. STUDENT ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY FUND UPDATE

Dr. Sawyer distributed proposed amendments to the Student Athlete Opportunity Fund. Amendments call for excess money in the SAOF at the conclusion of each fiscal year (up to 80%) to be allocated to ASCDU for improvements which directly benefit student athletes. Additional amendments call for changes to how monies will be distributed for clothing. Dr. Wellford indicated a need for the Council to review the possibility and for the Executive Committee to vote this Summer.

VI. BUDGET PREVIEW

Larry Leckonby previewed the Fiscal Year 2009 budget for the council. Projected revenues for FY09 are \$59.2 million. This includes transfers to campus and payments on facilities.

Projected football expenses have increased due to an extra home game guarantee. Utilities are projected to have the largest percentage increase.

The department is on track to balance its fourteenth-consecutive operating budget for FY08, ending June 30th.

Meeting Adjourned.