

AGENDA

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I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Charter Review. Dr. Wellford reported that the Athletic Council charter was due for review. The charter is to be reviewed every 3 years and was last done so in April of 2003. The Council established that there were no changes needed to the charter. Dr. Wellford will recommend that no changes be made to the charter to Dr. Mote.
- B. Seat Adjustment. Dr. Wellford reported that the University Seat Adjustment Review Committee has begun its work for the seat adjustment scheduled to take place prior to the 2008-2009 season. The number of faculty/staff tickets will remain the same during the seat adjustment and faculty/staff will be able to select their seats based on their Terpoint standing.
- C. Student Athlete Opportunity Fund. Dr. Wellford presented an amendment drafted by the Executive Committee regarding the usage of the Student Athlete Opportunity Fund. The amendment was designed to limit the clothing that was purchased using SAOF money to items that can be used for team travel, internships, job interviews and work. The Council unanimously approved the amendment.
- D. Student Athlete Attendance Policy. Dr. Wellford presented the Council with a proposed attendance policy which would require any student athlete who is below a 2.3 GPA and is on a team who failed academic review to be subject to class checking. In addition student athletes who are below a 2.3 GPA, or are on academic probation, or were an individual admit are subject to class checking as well. Any student athlete who misses more than three classes in a given course is suspended from their next competition. The Council debated the proposed policy and Dr. Wellford charged the Executive Committee to review the policy and all of its components and report back once it came to a conclusion.
- E. NCAA Legislation. Dr. Wellford updated the council on recent NCAA Legislation. The total number of allowable contests for Baseball will remain at 56. The NCAA Board of Directors had previously supported the reduction of the total number of Baseball contests from 56 to 52, however the number will remain the same with the condition that the BCA comes up with a plan to improve academic achievement of baseball teams. The NCAA is also considering a plan to reduce the minimum APR number from 925 to 900 with 3 additional tests to be conducted if a team scores below this mark.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Badjocks.com. Dr. Yow reported on the website www.badjocks.com and that it contains several instances of student athletes being hazed. To this point no Maryland teams have appeared on the website, to the best of her knowledge.
- B. DWI/DUI Policy. Dr. Yow reported that the department is developing a policy and penalty structure on DWI/DUI cases. Currently there are policies in place for underage drinking and drug violations but nothing specific for DWI/DUI. Dr. Yow would like to see a specific penalty for violators of DWI/DUI, as it is currently subjective, and has asked the Executive Committee to review ICA's intentions in this regard.
- C. Georgia Tech. Dr. Yow shared an article regarding a recent Georgia Tech student athlete who won a lawsuit to be re-instated onto the football team, even though he was convicted of a drug charge. Previously the student athlete had been dismissed from school, but was later re-instated, however was barred from the participation on the football team.
- D. Amateurism and the NCAA. Dr. Yow reported that in a recent article the President of the NCAA, Dr. Myles Brand, commented on the role of enterprise within the NCAA. Dr. Brand believed it was unfair to criticize athletic departments for their pursuit of revenue. He feels as if amateurism defines the participant not the enterprise.
- E. University Senate Resolution. Dr. Yow expressed her appreciation for the recent resolution by the University Senate honoring the department's four National Championship teams. She said that attending the Senate meeting was a wonderful experience and that each of the coaches enjoyed it immensely. At this time, Dr. Wellford informed the council that the three new members of the council who will begin their terms in the Fall are Cortland Lee, Phyllis Perez and Laurie Brooks.

III. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

- A. LOI/Financial Aid Agreement. Dr. Hoffman reported that the Student Life Committee reviewed the Financial Aid agreement, in particular the



clause regarding the prospects disclosure of any disciplinary issues. The Committee recommended a change in wording to include that the prospect must report any disciplinary issues at their current academic institution. The council approved this recommendation unanimously.

- B. Drug Testing Policy- Dr. Hoffman updated the council on their review of the current drug testing policy, specifically the number of screens and the current screening procedures. The Student Life Committee recommended to the council to increase the number of random drug tests conducted each year to 700, a number that approximates the number of student athletes. In addition, the committee recommended that direct observation should be used for all student athlete drug screenings. The Council unanimously approved the first recommendation. Dr. Wellford asked that the second recommendation be reviewed by the Executive Committee this summer.

Meeting Adjourned.