



AGENDA

- I. **ADMISSIONS REPORT (Barbara Gill)**
- II. **CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)**
- III. **DIRECTOR REPORT (Dr. Yow)**
- IV. **APR DISCUSSION (Dr. Wellford, Dr. Yow, Anton Goff)**

I. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Dr. Wellford welcomed Council members and thanked them for agreeing to serve during the 2007-08 academic year. He reviewed the Council's Charter and committee structure.

He noted that the Council frequently discusses sensitive information and that confidentiality is critical. Dr. Wellford serves as the Council's spokesperson on all topics.

II. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Alcohol in Byrd Suites. Dr. Wellford reviewed the issue of alcohol in Byrd Stadium Suites that was referred to the Executive Committee over the summer. The committee conducted thorough discussions regarding this issue and recommended to Dr. Mote that alcohol not be allowed in suites at Byrd Stadium.
- B. COIA. Previous council member Joel Cohen had requested that the council look at membership in Coalition of Intercollegiate Athletics. After discussion by the Executive Committee over the summer it is once again recommended to the University Senate that the University of Maryland not seek membership in COIA.
- C. Shady Grove Students. The topic of whether or not students at Shady Grove should be allowed to participate on University of Maryland, College Park athletic teams was referred to the Executive Committee. Shady Grove students have all of the benefits of University of Maryland students (if they pay fees) and are granted admission through the university's admissions office. It was recommended that Shady Grove students be allowed to participate on University of Maryland, College Park athletic teams, if coaches elect to select them.

III. ADMISSIONS REPORT

Barbara Gill, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, provided an overview of the admissions process for the Council. She reviewed the six most recent freshman cohorts, including general student data and student-athlete data, and commented on admissions excellent working relationship with the athletics department.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Office of Civil Rights. Dr. Yow reported that she, Kathy Worthington and Cheryl Levick visited the Office of Civil Rights to discuss Competitive Cheer and the Office of Civil Right's definition of the term "primary purpose", as well as Title IX. The Office of Civil Rights indicated that they will be issuing a new guidelines letter in the near future.
- B. Academics. Dr. Yow reported that the 76% graduation rate is the highest Maryland student athletes have ever achieved and it ranks first among ACC public institutions for the first time. Additionally, the university has 261 ACC Honor Roll members ranking second among ACC public institutions.
- C. Byrd Stadium Suites. Dr. Yow reported that 19 of 52 suites have been sold so far and that sales are ahead of schedule.
- D. Byrd Stadium Field Lowering. Dr. Yow reported that the process has begun in examining whether or not to lower the Byrd Stadium field and add field turf. Lowering the field would change 3,000 restricted view seats to a number of the best seats in the stadium.
- E. Terrapin Club President. Dr. Yow recognized Mary Pratt-Henaghan as the Terrapin Club President for 2007-08. She is the second female president of the Terrapin Club in its long history.
- F. National Football Foundation. Dr. Yow reported that she will serve on the National Football Foundation's board starting in January. In addition she will become the President of the Division I-A AD's Association in two years.
- G. Football Game Day. Dr. Yow asked Cheryl Levick, who oversees the Operations and Facilities unit, to report on football game day operations in 2007. ICA is examining ways to improve traffic patterns both before and after games. ICA will work with the police and transportation services to address these issues. Additionally, ICA is increasing fan assistance areas throughout parking lots and Byrd Stadium and visiting hot spot problem areas to monitor fan behavior.
- H. NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Committee. Dr. Yow is serving on the NCAA Men's Basketball APR Committee and reported that they recently had their first meeting. She reported that APR

might be tweaked, but is going to remain an important national academic benchmark.

- I. SAAC Representative. Dr. Yow reported that Maryland's SAAC President, Allie Houseal a Water Polo student athlete, is also serving as the ACC SAAC President and representative to the NCAA SAAC on behalf of the ACC.
- J. APR. Dr. Yow reported that she, along with Anton Goff, Kathy Worthington and Cheryl Levick, recently met with the Board of Regents education policy committee to discuss why men's basketball and wrestling missed the APR cut score last year.
- K. Head Swimming Coach Search. Dr. Yow asked Cheryl Levick to update the council on the head swimming coach search. Cheryl reported that the search has been officially suspended and that Jared Schroeder will serve as the interim head coach for the 2007-08 season. A national search will begin following the season.

The APR discussion was tabled until the October Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.