



AGENDA

- I. **ADMISSIONS REPORT (Barbara Gill)**
- II. **CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)**
- III. **DIRECTOR REPORT (Dr. Yow)**
 - a. **NCAA Wrestling Qualification**
- IV. **OTHER BUSINESS**

I. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Dr. Wellford welcomed Council members and thanked them for agreeing to serve during the 2006-07 academic year. He reviewed the Council's committee structure and its charge and functions as described in the Athletic Council Charter.

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. 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 the unit's excellent working relationship with the athletics department.

Council members commented that it may be appropriate to compare retention and progress rates of student athlete individual admits to the general population individual admits to quantify where athletics stands.

III. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Charter Review. Dr. Wellford reviewed the Athletic Council charter and noted two changes had been made over the summer. The charter had previously stated that a member of the Maryland Education Foundation should sit on the council, however this Foundation no longer exists and its place on the council has been omitted. In addition, the representative of the University Senate had previously been an ex-officio, but has been changed to a voting member of the council.
- B. Attendance Policy. Dr. Wellford reviewed the attendance policy that was approved by Dr. Mote on August 1st. The definition of un-excused missed class was explained, as well as defining how much of a season would be lost per sport. Dr. Yow commented that this was one of the best things the Athletic Council has done in her time at the University.
- C. Drug Testing Protocol. Dr. Wellford reviewed the change in drug testing protocol that has been instituted for the 2006-07 school year. All student athletes will now experience direct observation whereas in the past it had only been male student athletes.

- D. Academic Review. Dr. Wellford reviewed the procedures and protocol for academic review for teams and reported that for only the second time since the policy has been in place no team needed an academic review for the Spring '06 semester.
- E. NCAA Legislation. Dr. Wellford updated the council on recent NCAA Legislation involving transfer student athletes. Student athletes who graduate from their undergraduate institution and still have eligibility remaining may transfer to another school to complete their eligibility and enroll in graduate school without sitting out a year. The legislation was approved, but will be re-visited in January at the NCAA convention. Maryland supports the new legislation.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. West Virginia Football Game. Dr. Yow reported that once again our fans had a difficult experience at West Virginia with their fans. There was an altercation in the parking lot and it stems from the culture amongst their fan base. The West Virginia athletic department continues to field our complaints and have made efforts to fix the situation.
- B. SAAC. Dr. Yow reported that she recently met with the athletic department's SAAC committee which is made up of two individuals from each sport. SAAC will be comprised of team captains this year as the main focus will be leadership, which Dr. Yow emphasized in her meeting with the student athletes.
- C. Annual Reporting Requirements. Dr. Yow shared a partial listing of annual reporting requirements that the athletic department completes each year to the campus, ACC and NCAA. This shows that there are strong communication lines and a series of checks and balances.
- D. Speaking Engagement at Elon. Dr. Yow informed the committee that she recently sat on a panel at a speaking engagement at Elon University with Dr. Myles Brand, president of the NCAA and Frank Haith, head men's basketball coach at Miami and fellow Elon alum. Dr. Yow reported that there is a position paper soon to be released from the Task Force on Presidential Leadership of the NCAA.
- E. Freedom of Information Act Request. Dr. Yow reported that the athletic department has recently received a freedom of information request from

a member of the media regarding student athlete discipline. The University legal office will manage this request as usual.

- F. Annual Report. Dr. Yow reported that the 2006 Annual Report has been completed and mailed to all Terrapin Club members, as well as key constituents.
- G. Student Athlete Handbook. Dr. Yow reported that the 2006-07 Student Athlete Handbook has been completed and includes all new policies that were implemented over the summer.
- H. Head Coaches. Dr. Yow reported that 25 of 27 head coaches will be returning for the 2006-07 season. New head coaches are Jarnell Bonds with Competitive Cheer and Cathy Nelson-Reese with Women's Lacrosse.
- I. Chevy Chase Bank Field at Byrd Stadium. Dr. Yow reported that Chevy Chase Bank was approved as the name of the field at Byrd Stadium.. She also expressed that the arrangement was completed in six weeks which was helpful.
- J. NCAA Wrestling Qualification. Dr. Yow and Senior Associate AD Chris Boyer presented the council with an update on NCAA Wrestling qualification. Currently, the ACC receives a disproportioned amount of qualification spots for the NCAA Wrestling tournament, which is clearly a student athlete welfare issue. The majority of qualification spots go to Big 12 and Big 10 schools. Maryland is currently spearheading several efforts to try to remedy the inequity. A September 28th conference call is planned with Commissioner John Swofford to discuss this issue.

Meeting Adjourned.