



AGENDA

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 - A. Approval of Minutes**
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- III. RECRUITING/HOSTING POLICY (Kathy Worthington)**
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I. ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Barbara Gill and Britt Reynolds met with the Council to review the process by which students are admitted to the University of Maryland. The Council already reviewed a five-year overview of student-athlete admissions at its September meeting.

Two documents were distributed: (1) the philosophy of undergraduate admissions and (2) the admission criteria for the University of Maryland. Barbara explained that no one factor is controlling among the 26 criteria utilized during the admissions process.

Barbara explained that the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (UA) utilizes three categories to admit students to the University: regular admission, admit by review and individual admission. Approximately 2/3 of all Maryland students are regular admits, while 1/3 are admit by review. Barbara noted that student-athletes make up a very small percentage of the overall admit by review student population. Dr. Yow thanked Barbara and Britt for the successful working relationship enjoyed by undergraduate admissions and athletics.

II. RECRUITING/HOSTING FORMS

Dr. Yow noted her service on the NCAA Recruiting Task Force, which recently completed its work. The task force made a number of recommendations regarding changes to recruiting practices and policies. The NCAA has established a December 1, 2004, deadline for institutions to submit detailed information regarding their recruiting policies.

The Council then reviewed Maryland's "Student-Athlete Host Form" and "Prospect Declaration Form," which were recently updated for use during official visits. Coach Williams, Coach Friedgen, Coach Frese and Coach Nelligan were present to express their support for a "level playing field" with regard to recruiting policies. They indicated their concern that other ACC institutions may not require prospects to sign such forms during campus visits. Dr. Wellford and Dr. Yow indicated that preliminary feedback from ACC institutions was that all conference institutions would utilize a form and would require the signatures of student-athletes and/or prospects.

The Council discussed the pros and cons of requiring the post-visit signature of prospects. The consensus of the Council was that coaches should sign the "Prospect Declaration Form" because coaches are already meeting with prospects to discuss their experience during their visits to campus.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Maryland Ranked 6th For New National Award

Dr. Yow reported that Maryland ranked sixth in the nation in a comprehensive rating system that determines the new Excellence in Athletics Cup, an award developed by the Laboratory for the Study of Intercollegiate Athletics at Texas A&M University. The award was created to recognize all-around achievement in athletics and areas associated with student-athletes.

B. Justice Department Review of ABC

Dr. Yow reported that the Justice Department is currently reviewing ABC's football broadcasting contract with the ACC. The question concerns whether ABC's exclusivity to televise conference football games amounts to the stockpiling of inventory.

IV. STUDENT-ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE

Kathy Worthington reported that NCAA legislation permits athletics programs to provide health insurance for student-athletes year-round and for any reason, including non-athletic injuries. Maryland's current policy covers student-athletes only for athletic-related injuries related to their team participation, although ICA defines such injuries and participation as broadly as possible.

Dr. Wellford charged the Student Athlete Welfare Committee with reviewing the option of providing additional health insurance coverage by utilizing monies from the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. September Minutes

The Council approved the September minutes, with the correction that Maryland's student-athlete graduation rate for the 1997 Cohort was 67%, not 68%.

B. Equestrian Club

Dr. Wellford reported that he had been contacted by Maryland equestrian club to request varsity status. He directed the students to submit a

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proposal to the athletics department. ICA could then make a recommendation to Council members, per standard Council's policy.

C. Eligibility Appeal

Dr. Wellford reported that an eligibility appeal for a walk-on football student-athlete had been approved by the ACC.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Committee

Dr. Dorfman reported that the committee had met to review the UMCP and NCAA GPA requirements for continuing eligibility and recommended to leave all UMCP GPA requirements in place, except to raise the requirement of a 1.86 GPA at the end of second year to a 1.9 to match the new NCAA standard.

The Council voted to unanimously approve the committee's recommendation.

VII. DREIDEL CUP

Michael Lipitz informed the Council that ICA had been contacted by the University Hillel, which had requested to use a home men's basketball game to set a new world record for spinning dreidels. Council members were open to the concept, but expressed concerns regarding whether the giveaway could be used as a projectile by fans.

VIII. STANDING ISSUES AT BYRD STADIUM

Dr. Yow noted that UMCP Police and CSC ushers had recently been dealing with a small group of fans who insisted on standing throughout the entirety of football games at Byrd Stadium. She explained that Maryland (or any other school) does not have a "standing policy", but that fans are expected to exercise common sense and common courtesy towards their fellow fans with regard to when and how often they stand during games.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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