



AGENDA

- I. DISCUSSION OF MBB GRADUATION DATA WITH COACH WILLIAMS
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- V. APR DISCUSSION (Dr. Wellford, Dr. Yow, Anton Goff)

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**I. DISCUSSION OF MBB GRADUATION RATES WITH COACH WILLIAMS**

Coach Williams attended to address concerns the council had regarding academic performance among men's basketball student athletes. Coach Williams believes that there is enough support from ASCDU for success. He feels that the program is doing fine, as four of six players graduated last May and two are in line to graduate this May. Coach Williams believes that the challenge is getting his players to stay once their senior season ends. Coach Williams stated that his student athletes are successful, but not getting degrees. He suggested that the University look for ways to make it easier for individuals to finish their degrees through on-line courses and independent studies.

**II. CHAIR REPORT**

- A. Campus Travel Policy. Dr. Wellford reviewed the campus travel policy and how it pertains to excused/unexcused absences for student athletes. Currently student athletes are receiving excused absences on days their team is to travel. There is some concern that class time is missed for practices that occur before a team departs campus. Dr. Wellford has asked the academic committee to review this policy.

**III. DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. TERPNESS. Dr. Yow reported that the athletic department recently met with members of the SGA to discuss sportsmanship initiatives to aid visiting fans. The department already has in place Terpness, a comprehensive customer service initiative that will be expanded to include sportsmanship initiatives. As part of the program Terpness ambassadors will be in place to help visiting team fans in any way they can and will have concessions coupons to hand out.
- B. Academics. Dr. Yow reported that she is concerned with the current trend in academic performance among men's basketball student athletes, although the most recent results are encouraging. She believes that the attendance policy adopted by the athletic council last year correlates with the graduation of four of six men's basketball student athletes last year. She welcomes any additional ideas or policies the council may have.



#### **IV. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT AND APR DISCUSSION**

- A. Anton Goff, Associate AD for ASCDU, reported that the unit now has 16 staff (14 full-time and 2 part-time) and a \$1.2 million operational budget, both highs among ACC institutions.
- B. Anton reported that 375 student-athletes achieved the UM Student-Athlete Honor Roll and 261 were named ACC Scholars (ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league among public institutions) in 2006-07.
- C. For the 2000 Cohort reported in 2007, Maryland student-athletes had a federal graduation rate and Graduation Success Rate of 69%. Maryland's Exhausted Eligibility Rate was 92% (student-athletes who "stayed and played"). Football had a 71% graduation rate.
- D. 25 of 27 varsity team exceeded the 925 cut score for the Academic Progress Rate (APR). The wrestling and men's basketball teams were not subject to contemporaneous penalties due to squad-size adjustments. Maryland's wrestling team posted an APR of 909, while the men's basketball multiyear rate is 908. Factoring in the upper confidence boundaries, those rates were 942 and 946, respectively.

Meeting Adjourned.