



AGENDA

- I. CHAIR REPORT (Dr. Wellford)
- II. DIRECTOR REPORT (Dr. Yow)
- III. ACADEMIC DATA REPORT (Goff)
- IV. STRATEGIC PLAN (Boyer)

I. CHAIR REPORT

- A. Byrd Stadium Suite Alcohol Recommendation. Dr. Wellford announced to the council that Dr. Mote has approved their recommendation to permit alcohol in Byrd Stadium suites and chose option A.
- B. Academic Major Clustering. Dr. Wellford mentioned that there was a recent USA Today article that examined the clustering of student athletes in certain academic majors. This issue was reviewed at the previous council meeting. Maryland was not mentioned in the article and has no trends of clustering amongst its student athletes in specific majors.
- C. NCAA Accreditation Re-Certification. Dr. Wellford reported that the process of NCAA Certification has begun again. Jeff Huskamp, Vice President of OIT, will chair the committee that oversees the process. The Athletic Council will be asked to participate.
- D. NCAA Legislation Dr. Wellford noted that the NCAA recently circulated 77 pieces of legislation to be considered at the January convention. The department is currently in the process of reviewing each piece of legislation to determine the University's position to be forwarded to the ACC.

II. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Competitive Results. Dr. Yow reported that our field hockey team won the ACC Championship and enters the Final Four as the number one seed (they would eventually win the national championship). Additionally, The Terps Men's Soccer team won the ACC Championship and is the number two seed in the NCAA tournament. The football team hosts an important game against Florida State this weekend (they would eventually lose). Finally, the women's basketball team began the season at TCU and was upset, but they are a very young team and will rebound.
- B. Team Travel. Dr. Yow reported that the department's sports supervisors are reviewing how our teams are traveling, in particular when it comes to distance and vans, to best ensure safety for our student athletes. Once a recommendation has been made to her, the Athletic Council's Student Welfare Committee will be asked to review it.

- C. Budget. Dr. Yow reported that the department continues to look for ways to save money. Sports are encouraged to seriously review winter and summer aid requests before submitting.
- D. Atlantic Coast Conference Expenses. Dr. Yow reported that the ACC has agreed to examine their expenses. The AD's have had on conference call on this topic.
- E. ICA Spending Culture. Dr. Yow noted that the department is changing its spending culture by differentiating between wants and needs. They are examining travel party size and cutting administrative positions, where possible. She stated that they will not cut anything that endangers team's competitive and academic successes.
- F. Gus Gilchrist. Kathy Worthington updated the council on former men's basketball student athlete Gus Gilchrist. Gus transferred to South Florida over the summer. The NCAA initially granted his appeal to not sit out a year at "the school of residence", but has since decided to re-examine this decision.
- G. SAT Article Dr. Yow distributed an article about the new writing section on the SAT and how studies have shown it does very little to improve the exam's overall ability to predict how students will do in college.

III. ACADEMIC DATA REPORT

- A. Anton Goff, Associate AD for ASCDU, reported that the unit now has 16 staff (15 full-time and 3 part-time) and a \$1.4 million operational budget, both highs among ACC institutions.
- B. Anton reported that 405 student-athletes achieved the UM Student-Athlete Honor Roll and 272 were named ACC Scholars (ranks 2nd in the league among public institutions) in 2007-08.
- C. For the 2001 Cohort reported in 2008, Maryland student-athletes had a federal graduation rate of 68% and Graduation Success Rate of 79%. Maryland's Exhausted Eligibility Rate was 95% (student-athletes who "stayed and played").
- D. 26 of 27 varsity team exceeded the 925 cut score for the Academic Progress Rate (APR). Men's basketball team was not subject to contemporaneous penalties due to squad-size adjustments. Twenty-one teams at the University of Maryland posted multiyear Academic Progress Rates (APR) above the national average for Division I public institutions.



IV. STRATEGIC PLAN

Chris Boyer, Sr. Associate Athletic Director, updated the Council on the Strategic Planning process the department has begun. Various council members will be asked to participate on a number of departmental committees. The Strategic Plan will allow the department to examine its mission statement and guiding principles and current state of ICA. Additionally, an ICA Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis will be done specific to units and teams on a department wide basis. Finally, it will allow for a development of strategic goals, objectives and strategies to transform Maryland athletics.

Meeting Adjourned.