



AGENDA

- I.     **ADMISSIONS REPORT (BARBARA GILL & BRITT REYNOLDS)**
- II.    **CHAIR REPORT (DR. WELLFORD)**
- III.   **DIRECTOR REPORT (DR. YOW)**
- IV.    **STUDENT ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATE (CONWAY)**
- V.     **NCAA CERTIFICATION (WORTHINGTON)**
- VI.    **STUDENT ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY FUND (DR. WELLFORD)**

## **I. INTRODUCTION & WELCOME**

Dr. Wellford welcomed Council members and thanked them for agreeing to serve during the 2009-010 academic year. He reviewed the Council's Charter and committee structure.

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

## **II. ADMISSIONS REPORT**

Barbara Gill, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, and Britt Reynolds, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, provided an overview of the admissions process for student athletes to the Council. They reviewed the six most recent freshman cohorts, including general student data and student-athlete data, and commented on the excellent working relationship between the admissions office and ICA.

## **III. CHAIR REPORT**

- A. Academic Review. Dr. Wellford stated that three teams were subject to academic review as a result of the spring semester: Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball and Wrestling. Additionally, an academic review for each team is required every five years and four teams will undergo this comprehensive review this year.
- B. Economic Initiatives – Division IA Athletic Directors Association. Dr. Wellford distributed a report on economic initiative recommendations from the Division I-A Athletic Directors Association. A few recommendations included the elimination of non-traditional season games, the elimination of off-campus housing the night prior to home games and the reduction of games in various sports. Director Yow did not vote to support all recommendations.
- C. Football Academic Working Group Dr. Wellford recently served on the NCAA's National Football Academic Working Group designed to improve academic performance of football student athletes. The Group

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has made a unanimous recommendation that first year football student athletes that do not pass six credits be deemed ineligible for the first two football games the following fall. There is hope that this could expand to all sports and all years.

- D. NCAA Rules Enforcement Dr. Wellford has asked that Susan Bayly and Dan Trump to report on NCAA rules enforcement in light of the recent release of the Florida State transcript. Additionally it was reported that the NCAA has recently added a new enforcement group to focus on Men's Basketball recruiting issues.

#### IV. DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Budget. Dr. Yow reported that athletics is feeling the same budget crunch as the rest of campus. The department has eliminated a number of administrative positions. The department once again balanced their budget in FY09 and was able to reduce spending by \$3 million with a target of reducing spending by \$4 to 5 million in FY10. ICA is unique in that it relies heavily on discretionary spending which unfortunately has declined due to the economy.
- B. Alex Lee. Dr. Yow reported that men's soccer student athlete Alex Lee had been struck by a car recently in downtown Washington D.C. Alex has had surgery and is resting comfortably.
- C. Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group. Dr. Yow distributed the final report of the NCAA's National Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group, a committee in which she has been a member of since August of 2007. Recommendations include the altering of the number of hours coaches can spend with student athletes training during the spring/summer so that coaches can spend time on the court with players in the summer and a summer school bridge program for incoming freshman, a practice that Maryland already has in place. She has met with Coach Williams, as well, to secure his feedback.

#### V. STUDENT ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE

Darryl Conway, Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine, updated the council on student athlete health insurance. The department has eliminated United Health Care as its primary insurance provider, as they were too slow in paying bills and this was an inconvenience to our student athletes. The department is also working with Dr. Bodison and the Health



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Center to get an extension on the September 15 insurance deadline for all incoming students.

**VI. STUDENT ATHLETE OPPORTUNITY FUND UPDATE**

Dr. Wellford updated the Council on the status of the Student Athlete Opportunity Fund. Last fall the council approved a change to limit the use of SAOF funds for clothing. The fund saw a major decrease in clothing expenses in FY09. A portion of the money was used to secure new computers for ASCDU. Approximately \$100k was carried over to this year's fund for future needs of student athletes.

**VII. NCAA ACCREDITATION**

Kathy Worthington, Sr. Associate Athletic Director notified the Council that the University is working through the 18 month NCAA accreditation process. Certification occurs every ten years and the five main areas that are examined are Governance, Academic Integrity, Gender Equity, Diversity and Student Athlete Well Being. A self study is required to the NCAA by May 1 with a peer review on campus in October of 2010. A final outcome should be delivered by February 2011.

Meeting Adjourned.