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BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare

March 14, 2022

Meeting via Video and Conference Call

Minutes of the Public Session

Regent Gonella welcomed those on the video and teleconference and called the meeting of the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents to order in public session at 10:02 a.m.

Regents participating in the session included: Mr. Gonella (Chair), Ms. Gooden, Mr. Breslin, Ms. Gourdine, Ms. Johnson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Pope, and Mr. Smarick. Also participating were Chancellor Perman, Ms. Boughman, Ms. Herbst, Ms. Wilkerson, Ms. Langrill, Mr. Page, Ms. Skolnik, Mr. McDonough, Mr. Eismeier, Mr. Muntz, Ms. West, Ms. Denson, Mr. Mosca, Ms. Lee, Mr. Lurie, Ms. Auburger, Ms. McMann, Mr. Barrio, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Franchak, Ms. Brandenburg, Mr. Rae, Mr. Evans, Ms. Sorem, Mr. Carter, Mr. DiBartolo, Mr. Doughty, Mr. Dell, Ms. Breaux, Mr. Wight and other members of the USM community and the public.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Committee Charge (action)

Regent Gonella welcomed all the Committee members, Chancellor and staff, athletic directors and public and explained that the ICA staff have prepared a proposed revision to the charter that is consistent with the wording in the other relevant committee charters. The change is to reflect the interest of the full Board of Regents that committees involved in academics receive information shared with this committee concerning student-athlete academic progress. Regent Gonella emphasized that this committee will work through, over time, how and what is presented in a public session, and what other processes and mechanisms can be used to share information requested from regents. Regent Gonella talked about today's meeting as an example, where the resulting report for the third item on the agenda portrays high level operating results, key balance sheet amounts for cash and investments, and debt for each program and this report will be shared with the Finance Committee, as well as the full Board of Regents annually. Similarly, the regents, through policy, expect the student-athletes are students first, meaning that academic progress needs to be consistent with that of the student body as a whole. Ms. Lee and Mr. Muntz produce a report which includes a summary of graduation rate info and the Academic Progress Rate, and NCAA-developed measures to track each sports student-athletes eligibility and progress over a running four-year span. This report will also be shared with the Regents Committee on Educational Policy and Student-life.

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare recommended that the Board of Regents approve the amendment to the committee charter.

(Regent Pope moved recommendation, seconded by Regent Gooden; unanimously approved)

Vote Count = YEAs: 7 NAYs: 0 Abstentions: 0

2. Mid-year athletic directors updates – rotating – UMBC, UMES, SU (information)

Regent Gonella informed the Committee members that there will be a rotating set of athletic directors sharing their perspectives on current issues. This meeting, we will hear from Brian Barrio from UMBC, Keith Davidson from UMES, and Gerry DiBartolo from SU. Regent Gonella explained that these sessions are intended to both help the committee understand the issues and challenges facing each program, but also gain a sense of the perspective of athletic directors on the changes that intercollegiate athletics are facing, whether the impact of the Alston case, or what might be expected in terms of changes coming from the NCAA’s constitutional convention, or Title IX compliance.

3. Financial condition and results of intercollegiate athletic programs (information)

Regent Gonella introduced the third item on the agenda and explained that Ms. Herbst and Mr. Page will review for the committee their analysis of the financial condition of each of the System institutions’ athletic departments.

Ms. Herbst informed the committee that we work to ensure that each institution operates, at least in normal times, athletics on a self-supporting basis, meaning that athletics spending is to only use funds raised for athletics.

Ms. Herbst also reported that each athletic department is unique, and each has different arrangements with the institution. Some institutions provide facilities for athletics on a lease model, where the program is only charged for the time and use of the facilities, while others may use an exclusive use model, where the athletic department carries all of the facilities costs. Ms. Herbst emphasized that these differences are completely appropriate and reflect the differences that each program operates within. The USM staff monitors the year-to-year reporting to ensure there is continuity and the approach to financial reporting for the program doesn’t change inappropriately, and that each institution with an accumulated deficit, or amounts owed back to the campus, is thinking about or has plans in place to repay those accumulated deficits.

Mr. Page walked through each institution’s key financial attributes of operating results and what each program has as assets and owes as liabilities for FY21.

Regent Gonella asked the committee members to share with him, Ms. Herbst, or Mr. Page any topics for educational or information sharing sessions that relate to intercollegiate athletics. Regent Gonella reminded the Committee that the next meeting is scheduled for June 13 from 10am-12pm and will be virtual. He also explained that we will hear from Towson and Bowie State’s athletic directors and consider the health and welfare arrangements in place for each of our athletic program, Title IX compliance, and the academic progress of our student-athletes. The public meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoff J. Gonella
Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare