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BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare

November 6, 2024

Meeting via Video and Conference Call

FINAL

Minutes of the Public Session

Regent Gonella 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 1:31 p.m.

Regents participating in the session included: Mr. Gonella (Chair), Ms. Gooden, Mr. McMillen, Mr. Breslin, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Wood. Also participating were Chancellor Perman, Senior Vice Chancellors Herbst and Wrynn; AAG Langrill; Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Norris; Associate Vice Chancellor Lee, and Chief of Staff Wilkerson. In attendance were Athletic Directors Eigenbrot, Evans, Carter, Polizzi, Doughty, Dell, Owens, and Tucker; AD staff Sorem; UMBC Student Donahue, and other members of the USM community and the public.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Review of the Committee Charge, Role, and Responsibilities (Action)

Regent Gonella informed the committee of the charter, to which recommendations for the “Committee on Education Policy & Student Life” be changed to “Committee on Education Policy & Student Life and Safety.”

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare recommended that the Board of Regents approve the amendment to the charter. (Regents Gonella and Breslin moved recommendation, seconded by Regent McMillen; approved)
Vote Count = Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

2. Amendments to BOR V-2.10 University System of Maryland Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics (Action)

Regent Gonella informed the committee that proposed amendments to the USM Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics be reviewed and approved. At the September Board meeting, the Major Investigations Taskforce members presented their report which recommended that the presidents’ reporting requirement be moved from the “Compliance Issues” section to the “Ongoing Reporting Obligations”. The wording of the reporting requirement remains the same.

These proposed amendments have been vetted through the USM shared governance process and have been approved for form and legal sufficiency by the Maryland Attorney General's Office.

Regent Wood noted that the word "full" was omitted from page 4 paragraph 4 in the version presented to the Board. **The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare recommended that the Board of Regents approve the proposed amendments to the policy with the aforementioned change.** (Regents Gooden and Wood moved recommendation, seconded by Regent Parker; approved)

Vote Count = Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

3. Annual Report on Institution and BOR Policy Changes Impacting Student-Athletes – Jordan McNair Safe and Fair Play Act Report (Information)

Regent Gonella introduced Dr. Lee, who presented the report required by the Jordan McNair Fair Play Act, compiled from information collected from each institution regarding their policy changes or enactments related to student-athletes. Dr. Lee noted that three USM policies are mentioned, that the amendment just passed and will be noted in next year's submission. The supply and work demand issues of athletic trainers are noted in the report as well.

Regent Wood asked for athletic directors to weigh in on the issues. ADs Tucker from UMBC and Doughty from BSU provided feedback.

4. Introduction to Student-Athlete Life – A Presentation by Riley Donahue, Student-Athlete from University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Information)

Regent Gonella introduced Riley Donahue who is a UMBC women's basketball player from Atlanta, Georgia. She spent her freshman and sophomore years at Auburn University in Alabama, before transferring to UMBC in 2022. As a graduate student pursuing her master's in public policy, Riley is a leader on and off the court, she is president of the UMBC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and chair of the America East SAAC, where she is a representative on both the Mental Health Advisory Group and the Education subcommittee.

Ms. Donahue shared a presentation on student-athlete mental health, external pressures, transfer portals, and legislation.

5. Mid-Year Athletic Directors' Updates – Rotating – UMBC, SU, UMCP (Information)

Regent Gonella informed the Committee members they would hear from three athletic directors on their perspectives on current issues. The presentations are intended to be informative and keep the committee abreast of current challenges and impacts felt on the ground at the institutions including but not limited to student health and safety, academic performance and progress, and financial affairs of their programs. AD Tucker presented from UMBC, AD Polizzi from SU, and AD Evans from UMCP.

AD Evans presented a high-level overview of the current state of open Intercollegiate Athletics legal cases.

The public meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regent Geoff J. Gonella

Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare