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 10:01 a.m.

Regents participating in the session included: Mr. Gonella (Chair), Ms. Gooden, Mr. Breslin, Dr. Gourdine, Mr. Pope, and Mr. Smarick. Also participating were Chancellor Perman, Ms. Herbst, Ms. Wilkerson, Ms. Langrill, Mr. Page, Ms. Skolnik, Mr. McDonough, Mr. Muntz, Ms. Denson, Mr. Mosca, Ms. Lee, Mr. Lurie, Ms. Auburger, Mr. Li, Mr. Dahl, Mr. Franchak, Mr. Eigenbrot, Ms. Brandenburg, Mr. Rae, Mr. Mock, Mr. Carter, Mr. DiBartolo, Mr. Doughty, Mr. Dell, Mr. Rourke, Mr. Donoway, and other members of the USM community and the public.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. **Title IX intercollegiate athletics status (information)**

Ms. Lee reported that each institution with an intercollegiate athletics program is required to periodically report information on participation, resources, and spending by gender associated with the athletics offerings. She annually reviews the reports submitted by the USM institutions with athletic programs to the US Department of Education. Ms. Lee offered highlights of these reports and talked about Title IX compliance.

2. **Mid-year athletic directors’ updates – rotating – TU, BSU (information)**

Regent Gonella informed the Committee members that the presentations at this meeting are the final two of the annual rotating set of athletic director updates sharing with the committee their perspective on issues of the day, like ensuring student-athlete health and welfare, or adopting institutional resources to support student-athletes and their prospects from benefitting from name, image, or likeness, or simply share with the committee the specific challenges for athletics at their campus. The committee heard from Steve Eigenbrot of TU and Clyde Doughty of BSU.

Regent Breslin asked about the status of Name, Image, and Likeness collectives. Mr. Eigenbrot said that we hope to hear something back and get clarity this summer before the start of school.

Chancellor Perman mentioned that BSU deserves special commendation for its role in bringing the CIAA tournament to Baltimore. The commitment to Baltimore has been extended to 2025.
3. **Mid-year financial results and projections for year-end – summarized (information)**

Regent Gonella introduced the third item on the agenda and Ms. Herbst reviewed for the committee the mid-year financial results and projections for year-end results for each of the System institutions’ athletic departments.

The financial report shows the projected changes in fund balances for the year and makes clear that our programs are well on their way to a return to normal financial operations. Each university operates in a different environment and therefore, we can see some differences across the board. These financial projections focus on operating results, and excludes the capital or facilities financing, and any activity for any resources collected or spent from the Affiliated foundations in support of athletics. The full financial reporting for the year ending June 30th of this year will include operating, capital activities, and foundation changes and will come to the committee at the March 2023 meeting.

4. **Summary of student-athlete admission, graduation, and academic progress (information)**

Regent Gonella introduced the fourth item on the agenda and Mr. Muntz gave the committee a summary of academic measures the USM staff reviews and has summarized for the Board to ensure that “Student Athletes are first and foremost students, and it is the expectation of the Board of Regents that their academic performance and progress will be comparable to that of non-athletes.”

Regent Gonella asked the committee members to share with him, Ms. Herbst, or Ms. Skolnik any topics or ideas for educational or information sharing sessions that relate to intercollegiate athletics. The public meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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