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BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare

March 13, 2023

Meeting via Video and Conference Call

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 2:00 p.m.

Regents participating in the session included: Mr. Gonella (Chair), Mr. Attman, Mr. Breslin, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Pope. Also participating were Chancellor Perman, Senior Vice Chancellors Herbst and Wrynn; AAG Langrill; Vice Chancellor Mosca, Associate Vice Chancellors Skolnik, Auburger, Muntz, and Denson, Ms. Wilkerson, Assistant Vice Chancellor Lee, Ms. Norris, Mr. Dahl, and Mr. Li; and Athletic Directors Barrio, DiBartolo, and Eigenbrot. Also participating were Dr. Borchers and Mr. Sweeney from U.S. Council for Athletes' Health. In attendance were President Ronald Nowaczyk, Dr. Anupam Joshi, Athletics Directors Owens, Evans, Carter, Doughty, and Dell; AD staff Franchak, Sorem, and Reinke and other members of the USM community and the public.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Mental Wellness and Mental Health in the Intercollegiate Athletics Community – a presentation by Dr. James Borchers, President and CEO of the U.S. Council for Athlete's Health

Regent Gonella introduced Dr. James Borchers, President and CEO of the U.S. Council for Athletes' Health, and Mr. Robert Sweeney, Vice President for Client and Partner Services and the Council. Dr. Borchers gave a presentation on the current state of mental health and wellness in intercollegiate athletics.

2. Mid-Year Athletic Director's Updates – Rotating – UMBC, SU, TU

Regent Gonella informed the Committee members they would hear from three athletic directors on their perspectives on current issues. The presentations are intended to keep the committee informed of current challenges and impacts felt on the ground at the institutions. AD Barrio made the presentation from UMBC, AD DiBartolo from Salisbury University, and AD Eigenbrot from Towson University.

Regent Attman and AD Barrio both acknowledged that there is an ongoing issue, particularly UMBC, of the lack of an MBA program for students, which has affected the retention of current student-athletes and recruiting of undergraduate and graduate transfer students who may be interested in this program.

Chancellor Perman asked the athletic directors what they think are the challenges and the limitations of finding athletic trainers.

Regent Breslin asked what the Board's responsibility is in ensuring that proper education is occurring throughout our universities to ensure that athletic departments are addressing how to handle mental health and wellness issues with student-athletes.

3. Financial Condition and Results of Intercollegiate Athletic Programs

Regent Gonella introduced Ms. Herbst who reviewed for the committee the System Office's analysis of the financial condition of each of the institution's athletic departments.

4. Motion to Adjourn

Regent Gonella announced the next meeting would take place June 12, 2023, at 2 p.m. via video conferencing and called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was moved by Regent Pope, seconded by Regent Peters, and unanimously approved. The public session meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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