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BOARD OF REGENTS

Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare

June 12, 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. Breslin, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Peters, Mr. McMillen, and Mr. Pope. Also participating were Chancellor Perman, Senior Vice Chancellors Herbst and Wrynn; AAG Langrill; Associate Vice Chancellors Skolnik, Auburger, Muntz, and Denson; Assistant Vice Chancellor Lee, Mr. Dahl, and Mr. Li, and Athletic Directors Owens and Doughty. Also participating were Dr. Sherburne and Mr. Rourke from University of Maryland, College Park. In attendance were President Heidi Anderson, President Aminta Breaux, Athletic Directors DiBartolo, Eigenbrot, Evans, Carter, and Dell; AD staff Sorem, Reinke, and Wilder and other members of the USM community and the public.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Managing APR Issues in a Changing Environment – A Presentation by Dr. Sue Sherburne, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Academics and Student Development and Mr. Brady Rourke, Associate Athletic Director for Academic Services and Director of the Gossett Student Athlete Center for Academic and Personal Excellence

Regent Gonella introduced Dr. Sue Sherburne and Mr. Brady Rourke. Dr. Sherburne and Mr. Rourke shared their perspective on the challenges and successes in managing issues related to the APR in a changing environment.

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

Regent Gonella informed the committee that certain amendments are proposed to the Board's policy on Intercollegiate Athletics that are intended to provide institutions with needed flexibility in managing their operations in a fiscally responsible manner.

The policy's goal is for these programs, over time, to be operated on a self-supporting basis under guidelines provided by the Chancellor. These amendments will permit institutions, with appropriate documentation and approvals, to use revenues or resources other than those generated by the Intercollegiate Athletics program. Institutions that cannot cover their expenses through program revenues and other approved sources of revenue, shall develop, adopt, and report to the Chancellor's Office an operating plan to improve Intercollegiate Athletics program financial results.

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.

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare recommended that the Board of Regents approve the proposed amendments to the policy.

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

3. Mid-Year Athletic Director's Updates – Rotating – UMES, BSU

Regent Gonella informed the Committee members that they would hear from two 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 Owens made the presentation from UMES and AD Doughty from BSU.

Regents Breslin and Pope raised some questions on the athletic trainer shortages reported by AD Owens and President Anderson. Chancellor Perman mentioned that this is a problem of inadequate numbers of people going into the profession and inadequate training programs. He thinks we should pull together a working group and figure out how to attack this on a systemwide basis. Senior Vice Chancellor Wrynn said that the athletic trainers' requirement has moved from a bachelor's to a master's program which is more expensive to run. Senior Vice Chancellor Herbst mentioned that there was a recent meeting with the athletic directors in which this issue was discussed and discovered that this is a supply issue.

Regents McMillen and Breslin raised the challenges that D2 institutions have with limited resources.

4. Title IX Intercollegiate Athletics Status

Regent Gonella introduced Assistant Vice Chancellor Lee, who annually reviews the reports submitted by USM institutions with athletic programs to the US Department of Education. Ms. Lee offered highlights of those reports and talked about Title IX compliance.

5. Summary of Student-Athlete Admissions, Graduation, and Academic Progress

Regent Gonella introduced Associate Vice Chancellor Muntz, who summarized the academic indicators USM staff review and have 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.

6. Motion to Adjourn

Regent Gonella called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was moved by Regent Pope, seconded by Regent Breslin. 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