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**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare**

November 19, 2025

Meeting via Video and Conference Call

Minutes of the Public Session

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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 12:59 p.m.

Regents participating in the session included: Mr. Gonella (Chair), Ms. Gooden, Mr. McMillen, Mr. Wood, Ms. Blount, and Mr. Mirani. Also participating were Chancellor Perman, Senior Vice Chancellors Herbst and Wrynn; Director of Financial Planning and Analysis Norris; Associate Vice Chancellor Lee; Chief of Staff Wilkerson, and Senior Counsel to USM Boyle. In attendance were Athletic Directors Eigenbrot, Polizzi, Doughty, Stevenson, Owens, Smith, Carter and Tucker; 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 inquired whether any committee members had proposed revisions to the Committee's charge, role, and responsibilities.

**The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics and Student-Athlete Health and Welfare has recommended that the Board of Regents grant approval of the charge without modification.**

(Regents Gonella and McMillen moved recommendation, seconded by Regent Gooden; approved)

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

2. 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.

Regent Wood recommended that the word “workgroup” be updated to “committee” for next year’s report.

Regent Wood inquired whether students from Frostburg State University received scholarships from University of Maryland, College Park, AD Stevenson confirmed that they do not.

3. 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 Smith from UMCP.

Regent McMillen asked AD Tucker what the biggest challenges in their program are. AD Tucker noted that financial challenges persist, largely due to the absence of a football program. She highlighted the need for funding capital projects as well as refreshing athletic fields and facilities. AD Tucker also emphasized their commitment to prioritizing the best interests of student-athletes while maintaining academic integrity. She also expressed the importance of demonstrating to alumni that there are meaningful opportunities to invest in the exciting developments within their program.

AD Polizzi highlighted the successes of the program, including increasing attendance at games, strong community engagement, and the return of the marching band. She also mentioned the challenges, including the need to compete in multiple conferences for various sports, which in turn expands the travel radius and expense. She also mentioned the discussions around updating the player eligibility redshirt rule for DIII sports. Ms. Herbst expressed gratitude to AD Polizzi for drawing attention to the significance of changes occurring in other divisions and their impact on their own program as Division III.

Regent McMillen voluntarily removed himself from participating in the meeting before AD Smith began his presentation.

Before ending the meeting, Regent Gonella introduced Dr. Wrynn who informed the committee that the USM Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation recently launched a Digital Accessibility workgroup and a series of resources to support making content digitally accessible. Dr. Wrynn would like to announce this work, so athletic departments can ensure that they are on the path to having their content fully accessible.

Senior Counsel Boyle noted that, given the evolving landscape of the Federal government, ongoing assessment and monitoring by the Department of Justice can be expected in the coming years. She further indicated that non-compliance could result in the imposition of fines. In addition, she noted that the Americans with Disabilities Act permits private individuals to file lawsuits against institutions for non-compliance.

The public meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regent Geoff J. Gonella

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