

ATHLETIC COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2005-2006

The Council met 14 times during the 2005-2006 academic year. The Athletic Council serves an advisory role for the Dean of Student Affairs, Athletic Director, and the NCAA Faculty representative in manners that deal directly with the academic mission of the college. A brief summary of the activity of the Athletic Council is provided in this report.

As a result of the change in administrative oversight of the department of Athletics, Fitness and Recreation from the Dean of Faculty to the Dean of Student Affairs the Athletic Council dealt with several academic issues this year: most importantly, the oversight of the Physical Activity (PA) program. The PA program, when housed in Exercise Science, was reviewed (personnel and program) by the Chair of the department and the Athletic Director (AD), with the Chair reviewing the teaching responsibilities and the AD reviewing the coaching aspects of the position. Currently the personnel who teach in the PA program (coaches) are reviewed by only the AD, Gail Cummings-Danson, who does not have faculty status. Thus, there is no faculty (or department) oversight for a program that delivers credit bearing classes. The Athletic Council sought guidance from CEPP on this issue. CEPP convened a Physical Activity subcommittee. The subcommittee was comprised of the following member: B. Breslin (Chair, CEPP), S. Berheide (Student rep), G. Burton (DOF rep), G. Cummings-Danson (Athletics, Fitness, and Recreation), P. Fehling (Athletic Council), K. Graney (Curriculum Committee), G. Thompson (CEPP). This subcommittee was given the following charges:

CEPP charges the Physical Activities Subcommittee with reviewing the Physical Activities Program. In particular CEPP would like the subcommittee to : 1) develop a mechanism for on-going review of the PA Program; 2) consider grading options for PA courses; and 3) consider whether PA courses should bear credit.

As a result of the subcommittee's report, CEPP decided the following:

- “ 1) that Athletic Council, minus the students, be responsible for evaluating the coaches in their roles as instructors
- 2) that PA courses remain credit bearing
- 3) No recommendation was made regarding the grading system.
- 4) that the PA program be evaluated every five years.” (PA Subcommittee Report, spring 2006)

As a result of this decision, Athletic Council is currently devising a plan to review the PA program (to be implemented in the 2006-2007 academic year) and is revising its Mission statement and Operating Code to accurately reflect these changes in duties.

Other work of the Athletic Council included reviewing the Anti-hazing and Class Attendance policies for athletes, the NCAA Institutional Self-Study report prior to submission to the NCAA (prepared by AD Cummings-Danson), all NCAA legislation that related to Division III athletics (academic issues) prior to voting and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee constitution.

The council received periodic reports from AD Cummings-Danson and Dean Oles on the ongoing capital projects (resurfacing of the stadium field, a new turf field for field hockey and a new women's softball field). Additionally, the committee reviewed the academic progress of all slotted athletes (as an aggregate to maintain student confidentiality).

The Council received the nominations for the recipient of the Tim Brown Student Athlete award and made a determination of the student to be so honored.

The Athletic Council has a policy that the committee will be chaired by the faculty member who is in his or her second year on the committee. Therefore, Steve Frey will chair the Council in 2006-07. The newly elected faculty member is Dan Nathan. Adrienne Zuerner has agreed to serve as the Interim NCAA Faculty Athletics representative as a sabbatical replacement for Kate Berheide.

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Gail Cummings-Danson, AD
Catherine White Berheide, SASW, NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative
Steve Frey, Chemistry
Patricia Fehling, Exercise Science, Chair
Sarah Goodwin, DOF rep
Pat Oles, DOSA
Sarah Berheide '06, Women's Field Hockey and Lacrosse
Alexis Sherman '06, Women's Field Hockey

Athletic Council 2006-07

Gail Cummings-Danson, AD
Michael Ennis-McMillan, DOF rep
Patricia Fehling, Exercise Science
Steve Frey, Chemistry, Chair,
Dan Nathan, American Studies
Pat Oles, DOSA
Adrienne Zuerner, Foreign Language & Literatures, interim NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative
2 student representatives yet to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fehling, chair of Athletic Council

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