

Athletics Council Annual Report for Academic Year 2017-2018

- Athletic Council (AC) met six times during the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Members of AC during the 2017-2018 academic year were:
 - Caroline D'Abate (faculty member, elected)
 - Jason Ohlberg (faculty member, elected)
 - T.H. Reynolds (Chair, faculty member, elected)
 - Flagg Taylor (Faculty Athletics Representative, NCAA mandated, appointed)
 - Gail Cummings-Danson (Director of Athletics)
 - Megan Buchanan (Associate Director of Athletics)
 - Colin Liscord (Student-Athlete Representative)
 - Sydney Gellerman (Student-Athlete Representative)
- Caroline D'Abate will serve as AC Chair in fall 2018, Jason Ohlberg will serve as AC chair in Spring 2019. Karen Kellogg will be joining AC for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- AC completed its standard annual business:
 - Physical activity instructors were evaluated by the faculty members of AC. Their written evaluations were submitted to Gail Cummings-Danson (Director of Athletics)
 - Jamin Totino, Director of Student Academic Services, and Kim Marsella, Director of Academic Advising, visited AC to give a report on Athletic Academic Performance
 - Catherine DeLorenzo, Director of Admission visited AC to report on the admission of athletes for the 2018-2019 academic year.
 - Zachary S. Schwan from Advancement (Leadership Gift Officer/Fundraising Coordinator for FOSA) visited AC to report on Athletics and Fundraising.
- AC has endorsed a Faculty Affiliate Program (FAP) developed by our NCAA mandated Faculty Athletics Representative (Flagg Taylor). The goal of the FAP is "assign" a faculty member to a team for mentoring and support and to provide a meaningful connection between athletics and academics. The program is completely voluntary and formalizes what many faculty members already do with several athletic teams and is modelled after programs at peer institutions. AC, in consultation with Flagg Taylor is assessing when the best time will be to implement the program, given all the changes in the College's service structure.
- AC in collaboration with Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is proposing to grant academic credit for varsity athletic participation. SAAC's proposal would grant one credit (S/U) per sport each academic year. Similar to physical activity classes, credit for varsity athletics participation would be repeatable. After extensive reviews and revisions, the proposal has been endorsed by members of the Athletics Department and AC. The proposal has been reviewed by CEPP and was submitted to CC. CC has tabled the proposal in order to have more in-depth, thoughtful deliberation during the fall semester.