

Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2025
9:00-10:00 a.m. Williamson Sports Center Conference Room

Athletic Council Members Present: Daniel Peterson (Chair), Kate Berheide, Megan Buchanan (SWA and AAD), David Cohen (ADOF), Gail Cummings-Danson (AD and AVPSA), Mike Dunn, Brooke LaValle (SAAC), Bernardo Ramirez Rios (FAR), and Avery Rogers (SGA)

- I. November 24, 2025 minutes approved
- II. Will need to find another meeting time as 9 am on Mondays will not work next semester
- III. Follow-up discussion of student athlete success
 - a. As a result of the November meeting, Jamin Totino, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, is going to send Gail every academic alert weekly. Gail will have to identify which ones are athletes.
 - b. SAAC discussed a scavenger hunt for first year athletes that would be led by sophomores that would focus on campus resources
 - c. There's a first gen student resources webpage, we discussed creating an equivalent one for athletes
 - d. We discussed how athletes can take advantage of existing programming, such as Brenda Pashley's time management workshop
 - e. We discussed how we can get student athletes to participate in optional programming. One idea was to use SAAC team leaders to urge athletes to take advantage of programs. Another idea was to get the coaches involved because first year students are more likely to go to a program if the coach suggests it.
 - f. Gail suggested having more faculty appreciation games where each athlete invites a faculty member, perhaps even to be a guest coach, which the field hockey team does
- IV. Avery offered to share her analysis of student athlete concerns with Athletic Council.
- V. We discussed the ongoing problem with conflicts between course time slots, especially for required courses, and practices.
- VI. We decided that in the spring we would try to meet with Advancement first and Admissions second. We also acknowledged that we need to have a faculty and staff only meeting before the deadline for sending in the name of the 2026 Tim Brown award winner.
- VII. The next Athletic Council meeting is TBA.