

Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
November 24th, 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), Gail Cummings-Danson (AD and AVPSA), David Cohen (ADOF), Bernardo Ramirez Rios (FAR), Brooke LaValle (SAC Rep), Avery Rogers (SGA Rep), Jamin Totino (OAA), Brenda Pashley-Rabbitt (OAA), and Michael Dunn.

1. October meeting minutes approved.
2. Continued discussion about student support. Joined by Jamin Totino and Brenda Pashley-Rabbitt.
 - a. Started with a reminder about Athletic survey, SAAC, SGA feedback etc. to increase visibility about what resources are available at Skidmore and Student Academic Services (now Learning Commons)
 - i. Most challenging was time management and balance
 - b. Learning Commons just launched a new website
 - c. Talked about what they currently offer and approach
 - i. They go and meet with teams early in the year
 - ii. Have e-notes, which is a real-time note-taking system for internal use only, so that there is continuity between those who might be communicating or interacting with the systems, including academic alerts.
 - iii. Rachel Roe-Dale, another point of contact for students, especially if they are struggling with their FYE
 - iv. Peer-academic coaching
 - d. They're seeing a need for time management – So they started a new program to try and address this. Not athlete-specific, but they would consider a special version of this specifically for athletes
 - e. Shared academic information by team (Fall data only)
 - f. Currently trying to gain more visibility for the Learning Commons
 - i. One tactic is to have teams come to the learning commons when they're doing the beginning of the year orientation – Avery felt that from a student perspective, it might break the stigma or hesitation about using a space like the learning commons to get them more comfortable in the space
 - g. Question, for recruits, is learning commons something that is shown to recruits during the visit? Variable based on the coach, but the admission tour doesn't include the visit

- h. Brooke suggested perhaps include Learning Commons in the Freshman Orientation – Perhaps revive the scavenger hunts for visits to other areas on campus for services, with reminder to put the Annex on it
 - i. Gail brought up that it probably should look different depending on Fall, Winter and Spring, given the timelines
 - i. Kate proposed the idea of Athlete-PAC at the sport center and then potentially mandate one visit a week per athlete
 - j. Mike proposed the idea of using thespring as a way of utilizing data for accountability etc.
 - k. Daniel suggested reaching out to student athletes to test the waters about things like mandated study halls etc.
 - l. Avery recommended have somebody from OAA (perhaps Chloe) to come and talk to SAAC
 - m. Gail made the point that success is different for each student, so understanding this before addressing the needs is really important
 - n. Working on getting students trained on suite of technology that they have access to, to help introduce students to this
 - o. Mike suggested perhaps incorporating a study skills and accountability into the Scribner Seminar for peer mentors
 - p. PAC students are enrolled into a course in which they can make “modules” for their sessions
 - q. David brought up the idea of is there a way if Gail can get all academic alerts for athletes not just failing students. Jamin to follow up with Gail.
3. Daniel brought up do we want to meet in December. The answer was yes. Next Meeting 9am, 8th of December.
4. Update from Gail
- a. Tim Brown award nominations are coming, they’re due on March 9th
 - b. April 27th Sports Recognition Event
 - c. Feb 14th Big Green Scream
5. Next Steps
- a. Next Meeting 8th December
 - b. Continue conversation about next steps on how to support 1st year student athletes