

Athletic Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 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), Michael Dunn.

1. September meeting minutes approved.
2. Discussion with Student Reps who were asked to bring topics for the Committee:
 - a. Survey completed with student athletes
 - i. Skidmore sport experience rated as positive
 - ii. Most enjoyed was the sense of community
 - iii. Most challenging was time management and balance
 1. Additional issues included parking, turf quality, water filters, pre-season housing, more support in the nutrition area, and dining hall food, especially after 8 pm
 - iv. Area to explore would be an athlete's study hall, which seemed to have support for this among the student athletes.
 - v. Results of the first-year athlete's housing pilot program were seen as a positive from a student perspective
 - b. Discussion about MB 107, and the time commitment associated with it
 - c. Question was brought up: Should practice be added to the faculty sheet? Consensus was that this is not necessary.
 - d. Want to bridge the gap between faculty and athlete? Field hockey has a close connection to faculty. The issue is the longer-term effort on how to do it.
 - i. Idea of SAAC award for faculty member? SAAC update to faculty to highlight achievements?
 - ii. The idea was brought up to highlight academic accomplishments and share with the faculty.
 - e. Biggest issue that the student reps felt could be addressed would be:
 - i. Perhaps time-management focuses on how to increase that capacity for students perhaps for first year student athletes?

- f. The idea was brought up about the coaches being included in the academic alerts put in by faculty. Gail will look into if this is something that might be possible.

3. Update from Gail

- a. Homecoming and Family Weekend
- b. “All in it win” campaign was exceeded! 858 donors total.
 - i. Total raised was \$429,010
- c. Hall of Fame event on Saturday
- d. Field Hockey coach earned 400th win
- e. All fall teams are in the hunt for postseason Liberty League berths
- f. SAC meeting in Utica – Similar challenges that other campuses are experiencing
 - i. The big topic was fueling stations – most Liberty League schools have them

4. Next Steps

- a. Continue conversation
- b. Next meeting 11/17