

**Athletic Council
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Membership, 2013-2014

2014	Linda Hall, English, (LV S '14)
	Steve Frey, Chemistry (replacement for Hall) S '14
2015	Carol Chiarella, Management & Business, Chair
2016	Mark Huibregtse, Mathematics and Computer Science
	Beau Breslin Dean of Faculty, Vice President of Academic Affairs
	W. Rochelle Calhoun, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs

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Regular Reports from Athletics Department

Throughout the year, Gail Cummings-Danson and Megan Buchanan provided AC with reports on athletics, including performance of athletic teams, Thoroughbred Society and Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, Friends of Skidmore Athletics (FOSA) events, team sponsored events, and fundraisers.

AC also provided feedback to Athletic director about 2014 NCAA Division III Legislative Proposal Summary. Of particular attention was the penalty for an athlete testing positive for street drugs from one calendar year to 50% of the next season.

Concerns:

Field maintenance

During the Spring season it was noted that the College had insufficient level of staff available to maintain the fields. Weather conditions played a major role in field maintenance but additional support is needed to support the current game schedule. At least one game was relocated to a neighboring

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Title IX Follow-up

A 2012-2013 study identified a weakness in our participation rates (female to male). In an effort to meet Title IX compliance standards and further understand our student population's interest in athletics an Athletic Interest Survey was conducted. Data collected from this survey will be used by SGA leadership and Athletics Department for planning purposes. Some sports that are not represented but may have student interest include cross-country, bowling, fencing, golf and ice hockey (women).

Committee on Academic Standards (CAS) request

AC was asked to express an opinion. Question from CAS "Should athletes granted a waiver of our minimal standards of continuation be allowed to petition to play during their semester of academic probation?" In summary, it is our intention to agree with CAS and allow a student to participate in sports but only under extraordinary circumstances and to use this option very sparingly.

Strategic Planning (request from the College President)

The Athletic Director in conjunction with AC prepared a written document in response to a College Wide Strategic Planning Document. Final report was submitted under the Dean of Student Affairs report.

Key concerns:

- Sufficient financial aid to remain competitive with peer institutions
- Appropriate facilities
- Outside perception of Athletic Program-would like to see it improve

Scholar Athlete Award -