
Athletic Council (AC) conducted its standard business including the evaluation of physical activity course instructors, meeting with several College offices that affect Athletics (e.g., Admissions, Advancement, and Student Academic Services), selecting the Tim Brown Award recipient, and receiving updates from the Athletics Director and Associate Director. President Marc Conner and Dean Adrian Bautista met with AC on 2/8/24 to announce the new baseball facility project. Throughout the academic year, AC engaged in conversations regarding scheduling conflicts for athletes that occur due to required activities (e.g. examinations) held outside of class meeting times. A faculty associate program to create stronger bonds between faculty, teams, and athletes was discussed with hopes for further steps next academic year (2024-2025). A committee operations audit, requested by FEC, was completed and some resulting changes were implemented. Athletic Council met on 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, 2/8, 3/7, 3/21, and 4/11 during the 2023-2024 academic year. (These are athletes that would be able to succeed academically but were simply not admitted on first pass.) Matt reported a similar applicant pool to last year, approximately 12,000 applicants, with a target of 705 for the incoming class, but a number of slots that can be used to admit an athlete who was not admitted.

In the fall, the AC's three faculty members (John Cosgrove, Lucy Oremland, and Daniel Peterson) observed the classes of Rob Hutchison, Liz Neubinski, and

larger gifts helps athletics achieve their fundraising goals for the year. Fundraising efforts (including this and others) are critical to bridge the gap between teams' operating budgets and the money they need to function throughout the year. This past effort (September 2023) was the most successful to date raising \$368,000. The fact that \$150,000 of the raised funds gets returned to the college has been a challenge. There's a long-term goal of setting up an endowed fund to cover that expense. Discussion focussed on whether there are untapped sources on campus (particularly faculty and staff) that might help future fundraising efforts.

Student Academic Services and Academic Advising – Jamin Totino (Director of Student Academic Services) reported that athletes perform at a higher standard academically compared to other groups across campus. There were very few academic alerts in the fall 2023 semester for student-athletes. The fall 2023 average GPAs for student-athletes were 3.393 for men and 3.547 for women. Jamin shared the SAS staff athletic team assignments identifying the teams that work with each staff member. A follow-up conversation regarding tests being administered outside of class time too place. Jamin shared that his office works with faculty and

volunteer, indicating a list of preferences for which teams they might want to be the associate. AC still needs to revisit the policy at other schools to fine-tune the proposal and perhaps run an informal poll for faculty to assess general interest. An important goal is to make sure this work would be recognized as college service for the purposes of tenure/promotion. Ideally this proposal will be formally presented this coming Fall.

AC reviewed its operations code in fall 2023 and again in spring 2024 when FEC asked all committees to conduct a formal operations audit. Most of the changes that resulted from the audit involved making sure that AC's website is up-to-date, what kind of information is posted there, and internal reminders to do so.

(Associate Director of Athletics)
(Student-Athlete Representative from SAAC) *Fall 2023*.
(Student-Athlete Representative from SGA)
(Library)
(Athletics Director)
(Management and Business) *Spring 2024*.
(Associate Dean of the Faculty for Infrastructure and Faculty Affairs)
(Student-Athlete Representative from SAAC) *Fall 2023-Spring 2024*.
(Mathematics and Statistics) *On 11/30/23 @ 10:00 Wh*