

FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE NOTES

Monday, December 11 | 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Location: South Building, Suite 105

ATTENDEES

FACULTY ATHLETICS COMMITTEE:

David Berkoff, Stacey Daughters, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Shawn Kane, Aimee McHale, Keia Sanderson, Abbie Smith-Ryan (by Zoom), Carmina Valle, Erienne Weight

ADVISORS:

Michelle Brown (ASPSA), Dwight Hollier (Athletics), Vince Ille (Athletics), Robbi Pickeral Evans, Cricket Lane, Izzy Schwam (Athletics)

GUESTS:

Jesus Enriquez (Chancellor's Fellow), Amy Grau (Chancellor's Office), Twumasi Duah-Mensah, DTH Sports

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FAC UPDATES AND BUSINESS

- Chair Erienne Weight asked for a motion to approve the October minutes. McHale made the motion, seconded by Berkoff. Approved by unanimous voice vote.
- The Committee did not meet in November.

ASPSA UPDATE

- Michelle Brown, Director of ASPSA, reported:
 - Graduation Success Rates for student-athletes have been released. UNC had a record-breaking year. The release may be found in Canvas and is attached.
 - For several years, work has been done to incorporate the travel letters that ASPSA prepares into the University Approved Absence Office process so that instructors are notified with the same letter as other University Approved Absences. This semester, there will be a pilot with a few teams to see if the system is now set up appropriately for it to work. Concerns or questions can be directed to Michelle Brown.
- Carmina Valle shared the Undergraduate Majors report. See attached.
 - Key Takeaways
 - Exercise and Sports Science is the top major among student-athletes .
 - Communications is the second ranked major.
 - ASPSA prepares another report for the Board of Governors on majors and B.A. and B.S. degrees in the same discipline are considered the same major for the purposes of that report.

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

- 3-credit courses for first year student-athletes
 - A course could be framed around Carolina CREED (Culture, Respect, Excellence in Academics, Excell Athletically, and Develop to lead myself and others)
 - A draft syllabus will be developed. Izzy Schwam will discuss at a later meeting.
- Parking Challenges
 - Erienne Weight, Abbie Smith-Ryan, Lissa Broome, Clint Gwaltney, and Bubba Cunningham met with Cheryl Stout, UNC Transportation and Parking. Some ideas to increase parking opportunities or improve campus transportation for student-athletes included:
 - Asking Chapel Hill Transit to add a bus stop at the Track & Field and Practice Fields complex at Finley.
 - Understanding parking challenges team-by-team. Weight asked FAC liaisons to reach out to their teams to determine the days/times/locations where team members have parking challenges and whether they see unused parking spaces during those times (i.e., Cobb Deck before 9:00 a.m. has space for additional cars and this would help students coming into campus for morning practice or weightlifting. Liaisons should email Weight with their findings.
 - Parking does oversell campus lots.
- Reviewing Head Coaches and SAAC meetings/events
 - Some Key takeaways
 - Coaches discussed possibly more involvement with FAC.
 - Establishing routine with coaches and faculty athletic representative.
 - Key Priorities: Parking, Conference Realignment, Mental Health Support, Academic Credit for Student-Athlete Activities, Hardship Waiver Parking System, Friday Center Courses, Educating faculty about Student-Athlete Success
 - Challenges noted in FAC-SAAC Focus Groups:
 - Resources vary by teams
 - Ensuring that student-athletes benefit from the University's Wellness Days
 - Group Sport Psych Meetings
 - Mandatory Mental Health Programming
 - Parking for practice and weightlifting
 - Academic Challenges noted:
 - MAPS Program – difficulty of some students in enrolling in courses that may be set aside for students in other graduate programs; some faculty are unaware of the MAPS degree and how it is supposed to work.
 - Stem Majors: Some struggle with scheduling labs that are consistent with practice times and other athletic obligations.
 - Tutors may not be available for some courses, such as Econ 420.

- Challenges for student-athletes accessing study abroad and internship opportunities
- Language classes and their policies
- Office hours and class dynamics

ACTION ITEMS:

- Send parking information to Erienne
- Work on Syllabus and plan for Leadership Academy course

Respectfully submitted, Lissa Broome (via Jesus Enriquez)

Attachments

- GSR Release
- Undergraduate majors