

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009
GERBERDING HALL #36

Chair Brian Fabien called meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Meeting Synopsis:

1. Discussion with Carrie Bayless, Academic Coordinator, Student Athlete Academic Services and Professor Pat Dobel, Faculty Representative, Advisory Council on Intercollegiate Athletics
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 25, 2009 Meeting
3. New business

1. Discussion with Carrie Bayless, Academic Coordinator, Student Athlete Academic Services and Professor Pat Dobel, Faculty Representative, Advisory Council on Intercollegiate Athletics

Pat Dobel, Faculty Representative for the Advisory Council on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) opened the presentation by telling FCSA that this meeting is the annual but informal meeting put into place to foster good communication and relationship with faculty through the FCSA. He also pointed out that his program has a lot to be proud of and with the help of Nancy Bradshaw he has been able to post that information on the web on the Faculty Senate website. ACIA wants to be absolutely transparent and is able to do so by posting the student-athlete evaluations on the site. He thanked Chair Fabien for his assistance in that matter.

Dobel distributed the Academic Results Report for Winter 2009 for the UW Student Athletes to the Council members. Regarding the report, Dobel is generally pleased with student-athlete performance and noted that 17 teams have above a 3.0 grade point average (GPA). The baseball and football teams both need improvement. Dobel cited a challenging road schedule a possible reason for the baseball team's struggle with academics. He feels distance learning will be a useful tool in helping teams with heavy travel schedules stay on top of their studies. UW football players have dealt with losing their coach during the middle of the season combined with a 0-12 record this year. Dobel informed the Council that the new football coaches are working hard on instituting the importance of academics for their players. He feels the players are responding well to the new coaches and he is pleased with the changes thus far.

Dobel embarked on a brief discussion regarding at-risk students. He noted that they are not necessarily "problem students" but they are challenging because they are not as academically prepared as regular students. The turnaround time for at-risk students is about two years and calls for the right support to be in place in order to be successful. He pointed out that the University's budget situation could impact some of these support programs. Endowments are down this year due to the economy and with tuition increases on the horizon there will be

some financial cuts made, but Dobel was not sure what the final impact would be to these programs.

Carrie Bayless, Academic Coordinator for Student Athlete Academic Services began her presentation by distributing the 2008 Student Athlete Exit Survey Descriptive Report to the Council. She informed the Council that the response has been improved since the report last year. She noted that the cost of producing the report was \$3000.00 and she feels it was money well spent. Her office was able to increase the response rate from 49% to 76% and it included increased sport participation as well. She noted that the results are somewhat limited and it does not capture every student that leaves the UW, just the graduating students. Students who leave for other reasons are not included in the survey, but Bayless would like to be able to capture that information in the future.

The Council discussed the information in the report and questioned Bayless on the topics of learning disabilities, health issues, hazing rituals, recruiting events and regulations. Bayless thought it was important to note that generally student athletes feel their coaches are available when they need them. Additionally the need for tutoring decreased dramatically from freshman to senior year students.

Bayless informed the Council that her office is collecting data for the next year and hopes to have the budget available to process the information. Dobel suggested having ACIA make the recommendation for the budget request and asks FCSA to support it. Bayless noted that if the budget line is not available for this project her office could potentially use graduate students to assist in the data analysis. Fabien identified this survey as a priority on the Council's "wish list" that he will provide to the Provost. Bayless closed her presentation by inviting the FCSA members to an upcoming student athlete dinner event so that they could get to know some of the student-athletes and see how far the program has come in the last five years.

2. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the March 25, 2009 meeting were approved.

3. New Business

There was no new business.

Chair Fabien adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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Present: Faculty: Berninger, Fabien, Schwartz
Ex-Officio Reps: McKinstry, Nguyen, Osborn, Perrin
Absent: Faculty: Burke, LeVeque, Poovendran, Rocap
President's Designee: Godfrey

Ex Officio Reps: Miller, Winans