

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
FACULTY COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010
36 GERBERDING

Meeting Synopsis:

- 1) Kim Durand,
Associate Athletic Director for Student Development
Carrie Bayless,
Academic Coordinator-Student Athlete Academic Services
Professor Pat Dobel,
Faculty Representative, ACIA
- 2) Approval of minutes from the February meeting (attached).
- 3) ASUW/GPSS report.
- 4) Report from the chair.
- 5) New business

Call to Order

The meeting began at 1:31 P.M.

Approval of the minutes from the February 2, 2010 meeting

The minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting were approved.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Intercollegiate Athletics Report

Chair Fabien welcomed guests Kim Durand, Carrie Bayless, and Pat Dobel and stated that the report on Intercollegiate Athletics has become an annual event for the Council. Chair Fabien inquired about the academic standing of priority admit student athletes. Durand shared that a report on priority admits is given to the Advisory Council on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA) and posted on the ACIA website. Carrie Bayless then began the report with a handout titled “2009 Student-Athlete Exit Survey Executive Summary, ACIA 1/13/2010.” Bayless shared the exit survey results with the Council. The exit survey was changed in 2005, but has been the same since 2006. Student Athlete Academic Services (SAAS) worked with the Office of Educational Assessment (OEA) on administering the survey. SAAS reports to both Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) as well as Undergraduate Academic Affairs (UAA). The five page handout is a summary of a much longer report. The biggest challenge implementing the exit survey is the response rate and inconsistent administration. Bayless now feels that those two issues have been addressed and noted that the response rate has now reached 88%, and 17 of 18 teams have participated (94%). “Leavers” are the largest remaining difficulty concerning the implementation of the survey. The decision “leavers” often make is done so fast that it is difficult to have them take the

survey, but they are working on ways to address the issue. The basic usefulness of the survey is to serve as program evaluation and make sure that they are doing well by their student-athletes. Now that the data is better and more consistent in its administration, they can compare year-to-year information. With the help of OEA, one can now look up a great deal of information regarding student-athletes. Dobel pointed to the decision to hire a sports psychologist and how it has helped with mental health issues.

In explaining what the survey says about UW, Bayless explained that finding comparison groups are difficult to find. It is different than other groups on campus in ethnic diversity, and academic preparation. It is also difficult to compare because many departments do not collect the same type or as detailed of data. SAAS is working with OEA to find what other units are asking similar questions as well as standardizing some of the exit survey questions in case other units were interested in implementing exit surveys. Chair Fabien requested a paper copy of the survey. A specific result that Bayless thought FCSA would like to know is that 81 % of student-athletes were able to fulfill most of their academic responsibilities. A second piece deals with identification with different UW communities. 83% felt a strong affiliation with athletics. A much smaller group felt a strong connection to the University community (41%), but there is no data to compare to general student body, commuter students, or other groups. Winans pointed out that information for different student groups would be beneficial to the University. It is a problem at many large urban universities, and has been at UW for a long time. Godfrey comments that Student Life is looking to some broad-based assessment along those lines and pointed out that Advancement has some of that information. He pointed out that Alumni tend group toward affinities which can include departments, activities, among other items. Godfrey pointed out that the literature is clear on the relationship between engagement and academic success and satisfaction. Bayless also pointed out that the success of team in the field of play tends to influence the data as well. To clarify, Bayless pointed out that the target demographic has been student-athletes that have exhausted eligibility to compete. She also pointed out that the NCAA requires exit survey and ICA does it to show stewardship of programs and students. Bayless then went on to discuss what ICA does with the information. There are things they would like to look into, but it is a matter of who would pay for it. The Council went on to discuss leavers and transfers. Dobel spoke of some sports that have cultures of transferring and said that basketball is high, baseball is medium-high, football is low, and other sports are very low. Some of the sports that have the most walk-ons, such as track or crew, have a number of leavers that decide to no longer participate in the sport, but stay at the University.

When asked about some of the programs ICA has to help student-athletes, Durand shared that ICA has hired nutritionists for eating disorders, created a life skills programs, created a peer advocates program, hired a trainer to help students, and created a new drug testing program. Bayless pointed out that drug testing is a place where student-athletes face a different standard than the general student body. The Council then went on to discuss graduate rates and the different standards used. One is a federal measure and another is a formula created by the NCAA. The main difference is that the NCAA number does not include students that transfer away. The Council then discussed the academic progress of special admits. The Council also discussed what happens to athletes internationally and the lack of academic opportunity that they have compared to American student-athletes. The

Council discussed traits of successful special admits and Bayless pointed out that the most important trait is motivation.

The Council then went on to discuss the NCAA survey that was presented by Dobel. Dobel went on to focus on the student life aspects of the survey. A key to the likelihood of academic success for student-athletes depends on what they identify as, and many in the major sports identify as athletes. He stated that if you can get them to have an epiphany to see themselves as student-athletes, you won't have to worry about that student any longer. Dobel also went over the time spent on athletics and academics, and many spend more than over 84 hours a week combined. Dobel also pointed out that while female athletes tend to spend more on academics than males, that number is changing and they are approaching the mix of the ratio for males. Dobel also discussed coming back to the Council to further discuss these issues and the Council was interested in having some student-athletes join him. The Council then briefly touched on scheduling of games and changes that are likely to come.

2. ASUW Report

Padvorac brought up an idea in the legislature that would direct income from the lottery to higher education. He also discussed the Sustainability Fee that is being discussed among the student body.

3. GPSS Report

Martin discussed Higher Education Advocacy day in Olympia that took place on February 5th as well as the Sustainability Fee.

Adjournment

Chair Fabien adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

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Present: **Faculty:** Fabien (Chair), LeVeque, Poovendran, Rocap, Schwartz
President's Designee: Godfrey
Ex-Officio Reps: McKinstry, Padvorac, Martin, Perrin, Winas
Guests: Kim Durand, Carrie Bayless, Pat Dobel

Absent: **Faculty:** Bailkin, Berninger, Burke
Ex Officio Rep: