

Faculty Council on Student Affairs  
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Student Athletes:

- We presented a Class C resolution to the Senate Executive Committee and to the Faculty Senate to (1) endorse the spirit of the Framework for Comprehensive Athletics Reform (COIA); (2) authorize the Senate Executive Council to appoint, with the approval of the Faculty Senate, a representative to the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) who would also represent the Faculty Senate on the Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (ACIA); and (3) urge the University to reimburse the representative for the costs of attending COIA meetings. The resolution was passed on December 2, 2004,
- We recommended that the UW representative to the COIA sit on both the FCSA and the ACIA.
- We suggested to the Faculty Fellows program to include discussions on Student-Athletes to their New Faculty Orientations. We hope to coordinate efforts with faculty orientation programs, the ACIA, and Student-Athlete Academic Services to improve awareness of faculty and staff about student-athlete issues and responsibilities.
- We discussed the development of a program where articles on student-athletes, ACIA, FCSA, and COIA issues are routinely published in UWeek, and presented on the University web-page.
- We recommended that the present Student-Athlete Survey be improved and that it examine outcomes after graduation in concert with the Office of Educational Assessment (OEA).

Relationship with the University's Immediate Neighbors to the North:

- The FCSA brought together representatives from the Administration with University members of the community from the residential area north of N.E. 45<sup>th</sup> Street where the Greek system's fraternities and sororities are located. We included Dr. Ernst Morris, Vice President for Student Affairs, Aaron Hoard, Deputy Director, Office of Regional Affairs, and Ruedi Risler, Senior Research Engineer, Radiation Oncology, a resident of the area, as well as members of the FCSA who live in the area (C. Pace) or are involved in issues that concern this area such as Sarah Hansen, Assistant to the Vice President-Greek Relations, in the Student Affairs office. We considered a Class C resolution that would recommend that the President of the University initiate and sponsor meetings to address community, city and state concerns about disruptive off-campus behavior, but put off submission pending the results of the recent forum that included representative from the University, City, and Neighborhood groups. We still consider this an important issue that will affect student life as well as the viability of our University, and we plan to continue to follow developments in this area next year.

ASUW Initiated Discussions

- We had discussions on a number of issues brought to us by Garret Parks, the ASUW representative to the FCSA. These included: new policies for student course fees, initiatives to better integrate commuter students into University life, and ASUW views on the concept of UW tuition-setting authority. The council's role here was to provide feedback on issues of concern to students.

Future Topics to Consider

- The Faculty Council on Educational Technology has been looking into the issue of electronic plagiarism and has asked the FCSA, as well as the Faculty Council on Faculty Affairs and the Faculty

Council on Instructional Quality to consider working on this issue with them. It is highly appropriate that this issue be considered by our council.

- The chair of the FCSA sat on the student Service and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC). This provided a different view of issues facing students. It is recommended that the FCSA continue to have a representative to this committee. One issue for the FCSA to consider in the future is what activities should be student-funded and what should be the University's responsibility. This question is highlighted by the students' decision to fund extensions of the Night-Ride program.
- One area of continued concern is access to degree programs. While other groups, such as the Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAS), have been studying aspects of this issue closely throughout the past several academic years, the FCSA may want to examine where they can contribute to the discussion.
- Finally, the University Administration is considering reorganization of the office of Undergraduate Education. The questions that need to be addressed is how to create the most coherent and organized structure that can respond to new developments in undergraduate education and best facilitate undergraduate education. The FCSA should have a major role in advising on this initiative so that the non-academic concerns of students are presented.