



Athletic Council Year End Report 2019-2020

Executive Committee:
William Baldwin – Chair
Jasmine Townsend – Vice Chair
Jack Wolf – Committee Member
Michael Godfrey – Committee Member

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Academic Policies and Integrity (API): Bill Baldwin, Chair

Academic Policies and Integrity addresses policies and procedures related to admissions, academic standards, academic support, registration, curriculum, absences, and other issues affecting student athletes.

The API committee put together a survey to analyze the training, effectiveness, and ethics of our tutors, learning specialists, and student athletes with input from Steve Duzan. This was a variation but still similar to surveys submitted in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. The survey was targeted for April but was not submitted during the pandemic.

Overall, initiatives like EEE (Engage, Enrich, Empower) and our Athletic Program's APR scores indicate our students are prepared, working hard, and doing well in the classroom.

Student Athlete Welfare and Experience Committee (SAWE): Mike Godfrey, Chair

The Student Athlete Welfare and Experience committee addresses issues related to the overall college experience of student athletes outside of the classroom and on and off the playing/practice field. This includes but is not limited to issues regarding equity, university resources, and campus community relationships.

For 2019-2020, we continued to implement our initiatives increasing Professor-Team/Athlete relationships within Athletic Council with the purpose of providing an outside resource for reporting issues especially in non-revenue sports as described above and providing additional academic resources for Professional Development. Three committees chaired by Bill Baldwin, Mike Godfrey, and Jasmine Townsend were established and Bill (softball), Mike (baseball), and Jasmine (tennis/track and field) met with sport supervisors, coaches and student-athletes, typically during practice times.

As part of this charge, the committee also invited Head Coaches John Rittman (softball), Monte Lee (baseball) and the P.A.W. Journey Team (football) to describe their efforts, perspective, and expectations for Professional Development of their student athletes. These meetings were incredibly informative and indicate our student athletes have coaches who are true leaders on and off the field. Follow-up is typically provided on student perceptions of their sport and coaches through Real Recruit, but this was cancelled in part due to the COVID pandemic and has not been re-scheduled.

The Student Athlete-Advisory Committee is becoming more active within Athletic Council and we hope to continue and build this relationship.

Other issues considered during the 2019-2020 year were athlete safety, mental health initiatives "breaking the stigma", and athlete travel schedules

Administration and Communications (AdC); Jack Wolf, Chair



This committee often does special reports and did not perform any specific duties or reports during the 2019-2020 year.

Executive Committee: Bill Baldwin, Chair

The Executive Committee determines the agenda of monthly meetings and charges of the committees. This committee also met in May to discuss issues or questions related to COVID-19 testing and safety protocols and made some additional recommendations to the Athletic Director, Dan Radakovich.