

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL  
ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007**

**Membership, 2006-2007**

Megan Buchanan, Assistant Athletic Director and Senior Women's Administrator

Gail Cummings-Danson, Athletic Director

Michael Ennis-McMillan, Dean of Studies and DOF Representative

Patricia Fehling, Associate Professor of Exercise Science

Steven Frey, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Chair

Josh Lauren '07

Lauren Mosenthal '10

Daniel Nathan, Associate Professor of American Studies

Pat Oles, Dean of Student Affairs

Adrienne Zuerner, Associate Professor of French, Interim NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative

John Chaplin of Advancement attended an AC meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> to report on the Friends of Skidmore Athletics (FOSA) initiative. John spoke about the history of FOSA, the scope of its activities, and fundraising guidelines for the Athletic Program that ensure an equitable distribution of funding.

Cathy DeLorenzo from the Office of Admissions attended an AC meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to explain Admissions policies regarding student athletes. She spoke in particular about the slotted athlete program that provides a mechanism for the Athletic Program and Admissions to work together in the recruitment of student-athletes. In conjunction with this report, Gail Cummings-Danson presented data comparing slotted athletes with non-slotted athletes, demonstrating that there is no statistical difference in their academic performance.

Michael Ennis-McMillan and Sue Layden, Associate Dean of Student Affairs attended an AC meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the work that Student Academic Services (SAS) has been doing with student-athletes. During the past year, SAS provided outreach to all first year student-athletes. First year athletes from each team were required to meet with a particular SAS staff member at least once and were invited to make additional appointments if they cared to. Anecdotal information suggests that these meetings were successful in providing students with information about time management and effective studying habits.

Gail Cummings-Danson presented AC with the nominations for the annual Tim Brown Student Athlete Award and the Council determined the student to be honored.

In addition to the work described above, AC received biweekly reports from Gail Cummings-Danson on the Athletic Program including the progress/success of various teams, alumni functions such as the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, policies regarding student-athletes, progress on various capital projects, and facility challenges we face with the decrepit state of the boathouse, increasingly difficult access to indoor tennis courts, and the insufficient size and infrastructure of the indoor riding ring.

Dan Nathan has agreed to chair AC during the 2007-2008 academic year. Adrienne Zuerner was elected to a three-year term and will replace Pat Fehling who finished her three year term this past May. Finally, Kate Berheide will return to AC as the NCAA Faculty Representative this fall.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven T. Frey, Chair  
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