

Faculty Committee – Intercollegiate Athletics & University Advancement

In attendance: Kathleen Barrett (Chair), Mariana Sanchez, Javier Hasbun, Scott Gordon, Kevin Terry (Interim Athletic Director), Elaine McKinnon, Mikhail Beznosov, Colleen Vasconcellos (Senate Executive Secretary), Dan Williams (Senate Chair) 4/21/21

New Business:

- The Committee met to discuss the possible merger with the Student Affairs Committee (SAC). Dr Barrett began by sharing results of the survey of committee members regarding the possible merger. Nine were in favor, five opposed, and two wanted further discussion.
- Dr Hasbun expressed concern about both the size of the merged committee and the number of responsibilities listed in the proposed charter.
- We discussed the possibility of becoming a subcommittee of SAC and Dr Vasconcellos provided examples of current committees with subcommittees and how they function. She pointed out the some are permanent subcommittees and some are ad hoc, formed as needed.
- Dr Williams pointed out that the two committees fit naturally in the sense that they are both outside of academic affairs and may need to form outside alliances to become educated on the issues under their purview.
- Dr Hasbun pointed out that athletics draw students more into university life. Kevin noted that the Athletics Department was working on ways of improving the student experience at athletic events.
- It was agreed that proposed charter will need to be streamlined a bit once everyone agrees on the merger.
- An appropriate name for the committee is also needed. Dr Barrett suggested “Student Affairs and Athletics”. It was noted that this leaves out University Advancement, but that may not be an appropriate focus for a senate committee anyway. Dr Barrett will reach out to the VP of University Advancement (Dr Brunen) about removing that from the committee’s responsibilities.
- The committee voted to merge with Student Affairs and a permanent subcommittee.
- Dr Barrett will meet with the current Student Affairs members to be sure they are on board with the merger.