

University Athletic Board (UAB)

2018- 2019 Annual Report to Faculty Senate

Competitive Success –

NEC Championships

- Football (Undefeated in NEC)
- Men's Cross Country
- Men's Indoor Track
- Men's Golf

Coach of the Year

- Pete Rossomando (Football)
- Eric Blake (Men's Cross Country)
- Linda Sagnelli (Volleyball)

Team Sportmanship Awards (peer selected)

- Women's Soccer
- Women's Cross Country
- Women's Volleyball
- Women's Golf
- Men's Soccer

APP (a.k.a APR – Academic Progress Rate)

- Amy turned it in this week for AY 2016-2017
- Men's basketball hit 1,000 (incredible milestone)
- Baseball also saw excellent improvement (started at 860)
- Every team is above the 930 threshold
- Figures only include scholarship students
- Discussion – it would be helpful if UAB reached out to those UA's who never graduated (using faculty contacts)

Mid-term reports methodology

- Discussion about how to distribute forms – electronic, hard copy, or both?
Paper followed by an electronic reminder?
- Consensus was that we will try both (paper and electronic)

Progress of SA's below 2.0

- Update was provided on students UAB met with last January
 - 7 of 8 went up in GPA, 1 went down
 - reinforces importance of time UAB spends w/ these group meetings
 - students are still meeting weekly w/ their advisors
 - a very positive update!

Dr. Toro attended February Meeting

- Dr. Toro encouraged the UAB to examine the charge for the committee and ensure that the committee is functioning to fulfill its responsibilities
- The UAB will be involved in the efficiency analysis being undertaken by intercollegiate athletics
- Dr. Toro would like the names of 3 elected voting members of the committee to serve on an Advisory Board being formed
- The UAB agreed to forward Paul Resetarits, Linda Clark, and Lisa Washko to Dr. Toro for the Advisory Board

Sustainability of Athletics at CCSU

- Discussion of Task Force Meeting (which took place on 9/28 before UAB), with general sentiments including:
 - DI vs. DII – Title IX compliance requirements are the same, guaranteed game revenue would decrease at DII level
 - where does athletics fit into the CCSU mission? Athletics are a key part to a “whole” student experience
 - how do we boost athletics at CCSU, particularly when the athletic staff is stretched thin?
 - the benefits of athletics are often intangible, whereas costs are clear – “we don’t have numbers, we have feelings”
 - we have big questions with no easy solution
 - no single solution will appeal to all
 - UAB will be continuing this dialogue throughout the year

Updates from Intercollegiate Athletics

- Molly established a wellness room for student-athletes
- Collaborative efforts with St. Joes to include nutrition for student-athletes
- NCAA is voting on a new transfer policy
- The efficiency study is including NEC schools

Review of UAB Mission

- The UAB is in the process of reviewing its current mission as described in its by-laws
- By-laws from peer institutions and NEC members have been collected as benchmarks
- We are currently reviewing the functions of other UABs to identify any gaps in our mission.
- A revision of our existing by-laws is expected to be completed Fall 2018.

Discussion of campus integration

- Numerous UAB members raised concern that we don't know when our home games are
- Discussed considering something like a "remind" style of notification
-point was raised that we have an app for athletics
- It is not common knowledge that faculty can attend games for free
- Idea was raised regarding a faculty appreciation night where student-athletes can bring faculty to games/have faculty recognized

Athletic Director Search Committee

- What is the role of the UAB in this search?
 - Lisa Washko UAB member on the committee
 - consensus is that UAB membership should attend open hearings and discuss candidates/issues at future UAB meetings

Brian Barrio was selected as the next Athletics Director (AD)

Old Lyme native bring previous experiences at;

- University of Nevada
- Pepperdine University
- America East Conference
- Ivy League

Respectfully submitted by Paul Resetarits FAR and Co-Chair of the UAB