



# Faculty Senate

## Athletics & Recreation Committee 2022-2023 Interim Report

Our committee had an online meeting on October 14, 2022 9:30AM – 10:30AM

### Attendance:

Peng Wei. (Co-Chair)  
Matthew Kay. (Co-Chair)  
Tanya Vogel (Director of Athletics)  
Christian Zidouemba (Student Assoc Member)  
Kurt Johnson (Prof Dept Anatomy and Cell Bio)  
Andre Julien (Director of Lerner Health and Wellness)  
Ashley Darcy Mahoney (Prof School of Nursing)  
Patrick McHugh (Prof School of Business, FSEC Liason)  
Beverly Westerman (Prof School of Public Health)  
Kyle Levers (Asst Prof Exercise and Nutrition Science)  
Beth Tuckwiller (Prof Special Ed and Disabilities)  
Linda Casser (Assoc Prof School of Nursing)  
Colette Coleman (Assoc Vice Provost and Dean of Students)

### Agenda:

- (1) Welcome and introductions
- (2) Engage with the Athletics department on the process and status of updating the university's policies regarding name, image, and likeness (NIL), including an understanding what other conference schools are doing and what GW's strategy is in this area. Update on GW Athletics (Tanya Vogel)
  - a. Tanya gave update on success of competitive sports
    - i. Multiple championships to be excited about
      1. Highlighted
        - a. Cross Country
        - b. Gymnastics
        - c. And many others .....
      - ii. Name image and likeness (NIL) for student athletes
        1. Collegiate sports industry is updating (removing) restrictions
        2. Last Fall GW responded to these changes
        3. GW athletes typically are receiving some minor compensation for social media posts for their NIL

- 4. NIL private collectives were explained. GW will likely have one that is affiliated with the university.
    - b. Update on new coaches
      - i. Four new coaches:
        - 1. Women's Tennis
        - 2. Women's Lacrosse
        - 3. Women's Volleyball
        - 4. Men's Basketball
      - ii. All new coaches are doing well
    - c. Success in the classroom
      - i. Skipped this
    - d. Success and challenges in competition
      - i. Skipped this
    - e. Other notable issues?
      - i. A few discussed – Men's Lacrosse and potential NIL deal pressures.
- (3) Engage with the Athletics department on the status of campus recreation and the closure of the wellness center. (Andre Julien)
- a. Status of campus recreation facilities
    - i. Lerner Health and Wellness closed at the end of Spring semester for HVAC project.
      - 1. Andre provided update in Word Doc regarding alternate fitness spaces.
    - ii. Building is still closed.
    - iii. Colette gave update on Lerner status. Working to get building back online ASAP. HVAC work is complete and is working. Planning to have the building on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> for students only. Building will be fully open to all in January 2023.
    - iv. Excitement for the changes and updates to greatly enhance the student experience in fitness and sports.
  - b. Data on student, staff, and faculty participation in campus recreation
    - i. Skipped this
  - c. Plans for summer and fall 2022
    - i. No longer applicable
- (4) Engage with the Athletics department on the impact of staffing changes on athletics and recreation. NCAA Liaison – Faculty Athletics Representative (Beverly Westerman)
- a. Role and responsibilities: Met with Atlantic 10 (Beverly is the current Chair) to discuss how to support athletes. Discuss opportunities for students (scholarships). Identify students that qualify for scholarships. Promote mental health and collection of data regarding mental health.
  - b. Beverly works to ensure athletics eligibility (?), with an analysis of academics.
  - c. Traveling in Nov to the FARRA (?) meeting
  - d. Selection process (term ending June 2022)
    - i. Beverly will continue in her role for another 3 years.
    - ii. Term model is now for 3 years.
- (5) Discuss with the Athletics department on its broader goals.
- (6) New Business
- a. Can squash programs re-instituted as a varsity sport?
    - i. In the past we have had scholarship money raised for squash players.

- ii. Tanya responded with an explanation of why squash was cut. Not a COVID related decision. Market basket schools and Atlantic 10 schools do not offer squash. Needed to focus on NCAA sports.
- iii. Tanya offered that club programs can compete as varsity programs? This could be an option to consider.

### Campus Recreation fall semester updates

#### **USC & West Hall Gym Usage:**

- 175+ students using both facilities daily
- Lloyd Gym access for students

#### **Group Fitness:**

- 594 students signed up for the group fitness weekly newsletter
- 296 students have attended classes so far in the District House studio & Hand Chapel
- Mindful Meditation & HITT style programming in Champions Club at Smith Center

#### **Intramural Sports:**

- 3 vs. 3 basketball league beginning Saturday, October 1st at the St. Patrick's School Gymnasium near MVC.
- We are averaging about 50 students for drop-in basketball as well as M/W Club Basketball team practices
- Kickball Tournament scheduled for Saturday, October 8th at the Lincoln Memorial Softball Fields at Constitution and 23rd
- Flag Football Tournament scheduled for Saturday, October 15th at the Lincoln Memorial Softball Fields

#### **Club Sports:**

# of teams: **40**

# of participants: **1250**

Fall sports practicing and competing at the MV Fields, Charles E. Smith Center, TBC, St. James complex, and other locations

#### **TRAiLS Programs:**

17 TRAiLS Trips to date

200 students participating

19 more trips planned for this semester

Adventure Bound Weekend

# of events: 17

# of participants: 111