

UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: Intercollegiate Athletics 2015-2016

Number of Meetings Held this Year: 1

Committee Chair: Ed Streb

Committee Members: (list here)

Edward Streb	President Appointment (Administrator) and Senate Co-Chair
Ryan Barrett	Professional Staff
Yang Yang	Faculty-Business
Kristine Johnson	Faculty-Communication/Creative Arts
James Coaxum	Faculty-Education
Joe Stanzione	Faculty-Engineering
Adam Kolek	Faculty-Performing Arts
Greg Biren	Faculty-Math/Science
Jordan Howell	Faculty-Humanities/Social Sciences
Cheryl Melovitz-Vasan	Faculty-CMSRU
Michael McCormick	Faculty-SOM
Lorenzo Matthews	Professional Staff
Alexcia Mazahreh	SGA Representative
Kaila Beckam	SGA Representative
Lorenzo T. Matthews	AFT Representative

Purpose of/Charge to Committee:

Monitors the entire operation of intercollegiate sports on the campus.

Summary of Activities this Year:

Met to discuss current status of the athletics program, problems with existing facilities, plans for the West Campus Athletics Complex, and the president's decision not to pursue a move to NCAA Division I.

We have no suggestions or recommendations at this time.

-use additional pages if required

-do not include suggestions & recommendations with this report - use separate form for recording purposes

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SUGGESTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

2015-16

SUGGESTIONS:

1. While the committee supports the presentation of the Excellence in Diversity Awards to faculty, staff and administrators at the annual Excellence dinner, the committee also wishes to maintain its separate ceremony honoring faculty, staff and students. The Committee suggests continuing to partner with the Dean of Students Office for financial support of the Excellence in Diversity student awards.
2. Each year, the Committee continues to be concerned about the data gathered indicating problems in Rowan's graduating and retaining students of color. Inviting the Associate VP for Retention, Rory McElwee, to report on progress is viewed as essential to determining

whether Rowan's strategies to address "The Gap" (i.e.- university status as reported in the Educational Trust Fund Gap Report) are accomplishing their mission. A suggestion is to hold at least one joint meeting during FY16-17 with the Senate Retention Committee inviting Dr. McElwee to review progress, and brainstorming additional strategies necessary to decreasing the gap.

3. The Committee has hosted many outstanding speakers on relevant topics over its short duration. Building in a small budget supported by the Senate to support the annual sponsorship of a diversity topic selected by the committee would insure the institutionalization of such an event. As a start, funding could be used that previously supported the Excellence in Diversity faculty/staff plaques.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Senate as a whole, led by the Diversity Committee, evaluate yearly the integration and application of the Diversity Statement (hereafter incorporated in the Board of Trustees *Statement of Principles* as Respect for Others and Preservation of a Respectful Workplace) as essential to the fabric of University practice and policy. In so doing, it will become not merely an aspirational statement, but a driving principle to which we hold ourselves accountable.