

Faculty Athletics Committee
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The committee met in a timely fashion whenever there were issues to consider. The committee is charged with approval of schedules for athletic competition and for the approval of initial and continuing eligibility of student-athletes. Meetings during the year accomplished these objectives.

Also, other issues were discussed though the committee could not act on any recommendations that we might wish to make. Obviously, the alleged rape incident involving several football players was discussed. With the athletic director, Steve Sloan, and assistant athletic director and compliance director, Laura Mincy in attendance, suggestions were made as to how these situations might be addressed in a proactive manner before they occurred. Although regular monthly meetings between coaches and players addressing behavior issues was an ongoing activity, suggestions were made that external speakers could be brought in to help address these concerns. The suggestions were taken under advisement.

It has become a regular problem that the golf and softball teams are perhaps scheduling too many matches/games. Although they keep the number of absences under the prescribed cap [3 MWF and/or 2 TT], the suggestion was made that scheduling fewer competitions might be attractive.

Also discussed, was the fact that some professors are not allowing makeup work to be done even if athletes have an excused absence. There is currently no policy in place to deal with this situation, but all agreed that perhaps a policy could be negotiated in good faith. However, academic freedom issues all but prohibit any such general policy.

This completes the work of the committee for academic year except for exit interviews which will be given to all graduating seniors on reading day.