**Athletics End of Year report**

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The first standing charge for the committee it to consult and report on action taken or to be taken with respect to athletic standards related to the educational function of the college and University. As such, no major issues were made apparent to this charge. The committee discussed scheduling issues for missed classes and reiterated the policy that states that prior to 12:00 pm dismissal counts as a full day of class missed, dismissal between 12:00 pm-5:00 pm is a half a day of class, and after 5:00 pm, no class time is considered missed.

The second standing charge for the committee is to approve athletic schedules and eligibility of students for intercollegiate athletics. Final schedules will move through May and will be approved by Brian Streeter. Further it was discussed that students need a 2.0 for eligibility but the majority of student athletes are far beyond this with 63% of our student athletes having a 3.0 or higher.

The third charge was for the Athletics Committee to update the Athletics webpage to reflect the missed class policy. The webpage has been updated to include class attendance and missed classes, information on non-final exam confliction, missed class time and examples of student schedules.

Further discussed by the Committee is that the Athletics Department is looking to advance Penn State Behrend Sports by including men’s wrestling and women’s bowling. The department is also looking into switching conference affiliation for men’s water polo to increase awareness of Penn State Behrend on the west coast.

In Faculty Senate, discussion occurred on splitting policy 6700 into 6710 (DI), 6720 (DII), and 6730 (DIII) to allow for the different divisions to have separating athletic governing policies as UP’s needs are much different from PSB’s and other commonwealth schools. This legislation passed.

Issues facing athletics are retention of women in sports after the school year starts and recruitment of players in comparison to the packages that private schools can offer. Further, bigger issues may come with scheduling with the new common schedule as it will create a harder time in rotating athletic schedules and afternoon time conflicts. There are also issues with afternoon single section classes where athletics have difficulty scheduling for prescribed classes when the class is only offered once and only in the afternoon.

New bleachers will be added over the summer for the baseball field and new flooring will be installed in Junker for the basketball court.

- Nicole Shoenberger